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## THE STATUS QUO

It has not yet been decided whether or not there is a coalition crisis, the first in quite some considerable time.

Mr. Gideon Hausner, the four-man Independent Liberal Party's legal expert, has announced that he will present his bill authorizing limited civil marriage—limited to persons unable to be married by the religious authorities. This could be for a variety of reasons, including the fact that they are not of the same religion, though a Moslem Kadi will marry a Moslem to any person of monotheistic faith. The Israeli Rabbinate has during the past few years discovered an increasing number of objections to proposed marriages. There is the permanent problem with the Karaites community, originally from Egypt, who recognize the Bible, but not the Talmudic law. There were the Bene Israel, from India, first declared not acceptable as Jews because the community had intermarried with non-Jews for generations without benefit of a rabbi; but as the result of a vigorous upsurge of public pressure their trouble suddenly dissolved into nothing, and they have been able to marry without difficulty since.

In Israel law marriages validly contracted abroad are valid here, though the Rabbinate might not have been willing to perform them. As a result there have been some hundreds of marriages between Israelis, suffering from one or other of these disabilities, in Cyprus, under civil law. What Dr. Hausner in fact is seeking to do, is to make "Cyprus marriages" possible in Israel, not to save the couples concerned the fare, but to give their marriages a legal basis in Israel.

The Orthodox in Israel are, of course, violently opposed and declare that any such law will "split the Jewish people," the phrase which they have always used to describe any matter on which they are determined to fight other Jews. On the other hand, there would no doubt be many people who would welcome his step towards breaking the total monopoly over religion in Israel by the National Religious Party.

Traditionally, rabbis have been independent and have created the wide spectrum of observance and freedom which kept the Jewish nation abroad diversified but also united. It is because a political grouping prevents us from continuing this diversity here that Dr. Hausner has proposed his bill. Mr. Hausner claims his proposal does not involve a breach of the so-called status quo, but a better argument would be that it is the Rabbinate which has encroached upon the status quo by refusing to perform marriages that would have been performed without difficulty before their introduction of registers and black lists. Without the traditional benefit of the doubt, the Jewish nation could not have survived its own stringent laws. This benefit the Rabbinate has almost succeeded in abolishing here, and the result is a desire for total dissociation from religion by a considerable part of the population. Mr. Hausner's law would not gain a majority in the Knesset even if every Labour Member were left to vote as he pleases, and most likely it will not even cause a serious rift in the coalition. But it should cause the Rabbinate to consider very carefully whether its intransigence, for instance over the case of the two so-called *namzetim*, serves the nation.

Having once been brought up, the Hausner proposal will return again and again, unless the Rabbinate does indeed follow tradition and make it possible once more for Jews to live, each according to his own belief and wish.

## Kissinger in Peking today Podgorny sees Paris talks resuming 'soon'

CALCUTTA (AP). — Soviet Premier Nikolai Podgorny announced yesterday that the Paris peace talks would be resumed soon and he indicated Russia would try to ensure their success.

"The Soviet Union will do everything possible for a de-escalation of the Vietnam war," a smiling Podgorny told newsmen during a 30-minute stop over here en route home from a three-day visit to Hanoi.

Holding a rare news conference, something he never does at home, the 69-year-old Soviet leader appeared happy and ebullient with his trip to Hanoi, which had been linked by diplomatic observers in Moscow with President Nixon's summit talks in the Soviet capital last month.

"Everything went as I wanted," he said. "I am very happy with the outcome." Asked if the Paris peace talks would be resumed, he said: "Yes, soon."

Mr. Podgorny described Hanoi, around which the U.S. had called off bombing attacks during his visit, as "quite safe. The people are fit and stick to their desire of building up their lives as they like," he said.

Podgorny said no Chinese leaders were present in Hanoi during his visit, but added in response to a question that he was prepared to go to Peking if invited. "If I receive any invitation, I will go," he said.

His remarks were made just four days after the U.S. had rejected a Communist request to resume the peace talks, which were indefinitely suspended on May 4 when the U.S. side charged the Communists with failing to negotiate seriously. It was presumed, therefore, that Mr. Podgorny may have succeeded in getting Hanoi to agree to U.S. terms for reopening the talks. Reports from Paris last week said that one possible U.S. condition would be a return to Paris of the chief North Vietnamese delegate, Xuan Thuy.

## Nixon says Communist world has change of mind

WASHINGTON (AP). — President Nixon says a major change in the possible new relationships with China and the Soviet Union initiated by his summit meetings.

"Whatever hopes they might once have cherished that the capitalist nations would collapse in a cloud of Marxist dogma have been dissipated," Mr. Nixon says in a lengthy copyrighted article in the latest issue of the magazine "U.S. News and World Report."

"This was a policy change of profound importance," writes Nixon, "but it is important to recognize that it was a change of the head, not of the heart. It was a rational, calculated assessment that the old tactics would not work. 'Neither the Soviet Union nor China abandoned its particular view of the world. But both accepted the idea that their own best interests would be served better by negotiation than by confrontation.'"

On Vietnam, Mr. Nixon says that "militarily and politically Hanoi is losing its desperate gamble" represented in an all-out invasion of South Vietnam. Citing the progress of Saigon and its allies in blunting the invasion, Mr. Nixon said: "Now it remains for Hanoi to choose the path of war or the path of peace."

Rejecting the view of those he described as "the new isolationists,"

## Bonn F.M. to visit Cairo and Amman

BONN (Reuters). — West German Foreign Minister Walter Scheel is to visit Egypt and Jordan in mid-August for talks at the invitation of the two governments, government sources said here yesterday.

No details about discussion topics or exact arrangements for the visits were immediately available.

## Two U.K. soldiers killed in Ulster

BELFAST (UPI). — A bomb exploded inside a house being searched for arms in a small village 40 km. south of here yesterday, killing two British soldiers and wounding five others, four critically, the army said.

He said the soldiers had just entered the house in the small village of Bieary when the explosion burst the walls. The house had obviously been booby-trapped to kill anyone searching the property, the spokesman said. (Devita — page 2)

## EBAN BACK FROM EUROPE

LOD AIRPORT. — Foreign Minister Abba Eban returned last night from an official visit to Sweden, Norway and Denmark and a private trip to London.

He told reporters at the airport that in his talks with the leaders of the countries he visited, he had stressed the need for greater vigilance in international transport, "which must be made safe for travellers." (Hiss)

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## Japanese lawyer denied entry

LOD AIRPORT. — The leftist Japanese lawyer, Hiroshi Shoji, was denied entry to Israel yesterday when he arrived on a BOAC flight from Europe, to take up the defence of Kozo Okamoto, the surviving terrorist of the Lod Airport massacre.

Airport authorities, acting on an order from the Interior Minister, told Mr. Shoji he would not be permitted to disembark. He remained in the plane which took off 45 minutes later for Teheran and the Far East.

Interior Ministry spokesman Yitzhak Agassi told *The Jerusalem Post* last night that, "because of various reasons connected with his past, we do not consider his stay in Israel desirable."

The Japanese Embassy last night declined to comment. A spokesman told *The Jerusalem Post* that the Embassy had not been previously informed by the Ministry of Interior that the action would be taken.

Reports from Tokyo have described Shoji as a sympathizer with the new left movement in Japan. Other reports associated him with controversial court cases in his home country.

Japanese newsmen told *The Post* last night that Shoji had been involved in an espionage affair 15 years ago. Then serving in the Japanese Foreign Ministry, he had been arrested in connection with the exposure of a Soviet spy ring, but was later released and never brought to trial.

## COURT NAMED

The Chief of Staff, Rav-Aluf David Elazar yesterday named the members of the three-man military tribunal that will try Okamoto. They are all Lieutenant-Colonels — Avraham Frisch, president of the court, Baruch Arbel, and Ram Eylon.

Sgt-Aluf Frisch, a veteran lawyer, is president of the Military Court of the Southern Command. Sgt-Aluf Arbel is a senior staff officer of the Central Command headquarters, who has seen service in the Nahal and Military Police. Sgt-Aluf Eylon is a reservist discharged less than a year ago from the Signal Corps.

No date or venue has yet been given for the trial, but military officials said it might start next week.

The search for a defence counsel for the Japanese terrorist yesterday continued. The Bar Association-appointed lawyer, Mr. Ya'acov Eagler of Tel Aviv, resigned on Friday because he could not get any cooperation from his client.

Groups of Japanese newspapermen and TV crews have already started arriving for the trial. Among those still expected are Miss Yushiko Yamaguchi, a well-known Japanese TV personality; Mr. Seicho Matsumoto, a best-selling political fiction novelist; and Mr. Go Muramatsu, lecturer and author of a book on Israel.

## U.S. pilots may defy courts and join today's worldwide stoppage

### 118 die in BEA crash at London

LONDON. — All 118 passengers and crew aboard a British airliner were killed last night when the plane crashed in a field shortly after taking off from London's Heathrow Airport. It was Britain's worst air disaster, and the third major air tragedy in the world in five days with a total of 287 dead.

Three persons apparently survived the crash of the Brussels-bound flight, but two died at the scene and the third died later in hospital.

The plane, BEA's flight 548, broke in two as it landed in trees on waste land only 450 metres from the centre of Staines, a heavily-populated suburb of south-west London.

BEA said there were 117 adults and one baby on board. There were 109 passengers and six operating crew as well as three BEA crew members being flown to Brussels to join another flight.

The crash occurred only five km. from the end of the runway, in a light drizzle. Rescue workers brought out bodies which were lined up alongside the tangled wreckage before being carried to a temporary mortuary at the airport by a fleet of ambulances.

The cause of the crash was not immediately known. The big plane, capable of carrying up to 180 persons, appeared to take off normally, it was said in the sky over nearby Windsor Castle and then plunged to the ground, with the tail section snapping off on impact.

### JUST DROPPED

"The plane just dropped like a stone," one witness said.

Mr. Michael Heseltine, the Aerospace Minister, went to the scene and told newsmen: "Both flight recorders have been recovered. Our investigators are checking thoroughly to find out what caused this absolutely appalling tragedy. We have no reason at this stage to suspect sabotage."

Airport officials said many of the passengers had taken the flight earlier than planned — to avoid Monday's worldwide pilots' strike.

Last Wednesday a Japan Airlines DC-8 crashed in flames on its way into New Delhi airport killing 88. On Thursday, a Hongkong-based Cathay-Pacific airliner with 81 aboard plunged into the embattled jungles of South Vietnam's Central Highlands leaving no survivors.

Yesterday's crash near London Airport — one of the world's busiest air junctions — was the first involving the British-made three-engine Trident on scheduled flights in their eight years of service. The previous worst air disaster in Britain was in March, 1950, when an Avro Tudor crashed in South Wales, killing 80. The last major BEA crash was in October last year, when a Vanguard plunged into a field near Ghent, Belgium, on a flight to Austria, killing all 63 aboard. (Reuters, AP)

The U.S. Supreme Court last night upheld an injunction against a 24-hour work stoppage by U.S. airline pilots. But the head of the Air Line Pilots Association (ALPA) said earlier he would have to tell his members not to fly, even if the Supreme Court would so decide, in solidarity with colleagues in 45 countries around the world.

### Lod will be at standstill

At issue is a work stoppage scheduled to start at 8 a.m. today. Israel time to dramatize the pilots' protest against what they see as inadequate international cooperation in the curbing of aerial piracy and extortion.

Airlines and travellers in Europe and Africa appeared yesterday to be coping with minimum fuss with the disruption expected during today's 24-hour strike.

Theoretically, 50,000 pilots could take part in the walkout, tying up as many as one million passengers.

"As far as I know right now the worldwide airline pilots strike will start Monday morning according to plans," the President of the International Pilots Federation (IPLF), Ola Forsberg of Finland, said last night.

He said he so far has not received any information from the U.S. which can affect the strike plans. He added, however, that he is aware of the possibility of a membership poll in the U.S. member association ALPA.

Air traffic in Czechoslovakia will halt for one hour this morning. The shutdown of Czechoslovakia's air traffic was called from 1000 to 1100 GMT, the C.T.K. agency said, explaining that the worldwide measures proclaimed by ALPA will also affect certain planes landing and taking off from Prague.

Czechoslovakia's was the only reaction of an East European country to the strike so far.

In Cairo the Arab Transport Union yesterday appealed to the IALPA and the International Transport Union to call off the strike.

### EFFECTIVE PROTEST

In Washington, Capt. John O'Donnell, ALPA president, said after the appeals court order that even if it is upheld by the Supreme Court, "I have to instruct my pilots not to fly tomorrow." ALPA attorneys were appealing the stay order to the Supreme Court.

Appearing on a television programme moments after the order, O'Donnell said the ALPA "has committed itself to an effective protest... I have an obligation to fulfill the commitment under our organizational structure."

"If one life can be saved by our efforts, then all our efforts are worth while," O'Donnell said.

A spate of late court orders, however, tended to reduce the scope of the planned protest. Several major airlines, including United, American and TWA, were reportedly not ready to participate.

A Federal Court in New York reportedly restrained the International Association of Machinists (I.A.M.), representing maintenance personnel, had backed the stoppage and their participation could have tied up aircraft of airlines whose pilots did not participate.

Pan American World Airways reported yesterday that it had obtained an injunction barring its pilots from participating in the demonstration, and it reported Pan-Am schedules would be normal today.

United pilots had voted not to stop work and Allied Pilots Association, representing American Airlines pilots, also reportedly voted against taking part. (AP)

## Lebanese in Iraq ordered to sell all assets to Iraqis

By MEYMON ABDEL  
Jerusalem Post Arab Affairs Monitor

Lebanese businessmen working in Iraq have been directed by the authorities to liquidate all assets there and close their offices transferring ownership to Iraqis, according to reports from Baghdad. The Lebanese have asked their government to take up the matter with Iraq.

The official Iraqi explanation for the directive is that Lebanon does not extend reciprocal rights to Iraqi businessmen in the Lebanon, but well-informed sources say that the real reason behind the move is to be found in Lebanon's refusal to join Iraq and Syria in nationalizing the assets of the Iraq Petroleum Company (I.P.C.).

Since the final section of the Kirkuk-Tripoli pipeline lies within Lebanon, and Lebanon refuses to allow its use without the approval of I.P.C., holding that it is I.P.C.'s property, Iraq is finding it difficult to move the output of Iraq's northern oilfields. The move against Lebanese businessmen is thus seen as an attempt to pressure Beirut into some form of accommodation. (OU For France — Page 2)

## Hindu-Moslem clashes kill 23

NEW DELHI (Reuters). — Police and para-military forces patrolled in several North Indian towns yesterday with orders to shoot rioters on sight, after an outbreak, which left at least 23 persons dead.

A curfew was imposed in Ferozabad and some areas of Benares, where university Hindu examinations, scheduled to take place yesterday, were postponed.

An official spokesman said in Lucknow, that there was a marked improvement in the situation, but incidents of stabbing, arson and small clashes between Hindus and Moslems had been reported.

## Cabinet makes new offer to I.L.P. on civil marriage

By ASHER WALLFISH  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Independent Liberal Party Executive will meet in Jerusalem this afternoon to consider a surprise Cabinet suggestion on the civil marriage crisis, but is expected to reject it, and face Coalition displeasure.

The Cabinet yesterday offered the four M.K. party to set up a Committee of Ministers to rule within one month on whether Mr. Gideon Hausner's private bill on civil marriage would infringe the coalition agreement. This offer was conditional, however, on I.L.P. committing itself to holding the bill back for the month, and accepting the Committee's eventual ruling.

The Cabinet also decided that if the I.L.P. rejects this offer, it will expose itself to disciplinary action, under the Transition Law, for a breach of the coalition agreement. (This is the preliminary step in a statutory process whereby the Prime Minister can, if he wishes, dismiss a Coalition partner from the Cabinet.)

Mr. Kol, and Mapam Health Minister Victor Shmury, voted against the "disciplinary" clause yesterday. In their vote against the "Committee" clause, they were joined by two other Ministers who sought to express their feeling that a committee was a waste of time, since the matter was a foregone conclusion. The two clauses were not presented together, as a package deal. The suggested Committee of Ministers would reflect every facet in the Coalition.

The Cabinet yesterday did not discuss the substance of the Hausner civil marriage bill, which would cater solely to such Jews as cannot be married by the Rabbinate owing to Halachic disqualifications. (Mr. Hausner claims the total runs into several thousands.)

The Cabinet, instead, concentrated on the procedural issue, of whether the bill infringes the status quo agreement on marriage and divorce between the Alignment, the National Religious Party, and the I.L.P.

Mr. Meir argued that any change in the existing law was *ipso facto* banned, under article five of the Coalition agreement. Mr. Kol said that the authority of the Rabbinical Courts would not be reduced in the slightest, since they would continue to cater for every Jew for whom they cater today. The Hausner bill would only aid those Jews whom the Rabbinical Courts (Continued on page 10, Col. 5)

## IL365m. extra for budget as revenue rises

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The State Budget for 1972/73 will be increased by another IL365m., the Cabinet decided yesterday, so as to stand at IL16,385m. all told.

The Cabinet authorized Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir to propose the increase to the Knesset Finance Committee, which is currently preparing the Budget for the second and third readings.

(The Budget was tabled exceptionally late this year, in February, mainly because of differences between the Treasury and the Defence (Continued one page 9, Col. 6)

## Marcos airs Libyan aid for rebels

MANILA (AP). — President Ferdinand Z. Marcos has directed several government agencies to determine the veracity of a report that the Libyan Government is giving support to the Filipino Moslem rebels, it was reported yesterday.

The President, who is en route to the southern Philippine island of Mindanao to assess the reported worsening situation in that predominantly Moslem region, was referring to a recent statement by Col. Muhammad Gaddafi of Libya saying that arms, volunteers and money will be furnished to the Filipino Moslems.

According to the Philippine News Service (PNS), Marcos issued a series of instructions from his presidential yacht, which may lead eventually to the filing of a formal protest against Libya either directly or through the U.N. or the Association of Southeast Asian Nations.

The agency said that among the presidential directives were:

- To look into a reported agreement between Libya and the ousted government of Yahya Khan of Pakistan providing that Pakistan would serve as a channel for the arms, money and men from Libya;
- To determine any connection between the reported agreement and the renewed anti-government attacks in Cotabato and Zamboanga provinces. (Libyan Press — page 2)

As Arkia pilots are members of the Association and participating in the strike, no lateral flights will take place for the next 24 hours as of 8 a.m. today. Arkia made special arrangements to fly people to and from Eilat early this morning, before the strike goes into effect.

The pilots working for small companies in Israel, who are not members of the Association, are also taking part in the strike.

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**Social and Personal**

Miss Barbara Streisand, the American actress and singer, yesterday evening visited the Jerusalem Theatre and was the dinner guest of Mayor Teddy Kollek.

The President of Loyola College in Montreal, Canada, Father Patrick G. Malone, met with the President of Tel Aviv University, Prof. Yuval Ne'eman and Deans of Faculties.

Mr. and Mrs. Jules Silberg of Pittsburgh, Pa. on Friday dedicated a grove in memory of their daughter Gail at the Bnai B'rith Martyrs' Forest of the Jewish National Fund.

**MARRIAGE**  
**ZAKI-SUFFREN:** The marriage of Dvora, daughter of Esther and the late Shaul Zakl, of Holon, to Oran, son of Esther and Nac Suffrin, of Tel Aviv, took place on Thursday, June 13, 1972.

**Iraq keeps oil price down for France**

PARIS (AP). — Iraq has pledged that France will be able to buy 23.75 per cent of the output of the recently nationalized Iraqi oilfields for the next 10 years — "under the same financial and economic conditions as prevailed" before nationalization, an Iraqi spokesman said here yesterday.

He was commenting on an agreement reached in a week of talks between an Iraqi delegation led by Vice-President Sa'adun Hussein al-Takriti and French leaders including President Georges Pompidou and Premier Jacques Chaban-DeLamas, and the Compagnie Francaise des Petroles, which held a 23.75 per cent interest in the nationalized Iraqi Petroleum Company — I.P.C.

Hussein left for Baghdad yesterday and a formal communique was to be issued at 11 a.m. Israeli time today. Oil Minister Saadoun Ham-madi went on to Rome for talks with Italian petroleum and other business circles.

The Iraqi spokesman said both sides also agreed to future discussions on purchases by France of quantities over and above the 23.75 per cent at "world commercial prices." He added that during the talks between Hussein and Chaban-DeLamas, France agreed to give economic aid to Iraq.

The two sides also agreed on the necessity for the withdrawal by Israel from "all occupied Arab territories" and the creation of a "just and permanent peace" respecting the rights of the Palestinian people, the Iraqi spokesman said.

In a move to show solidarity with Iraq's nationalization move, the world's major oil exporters have decided not to raise their production of crude or attempt to take the place of Iraqi oil on the international market.

The official Iraqi News Agency said the decision was taken by the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (Opec) at an emergency meeting in Beirut on June 9.

Opec "supported the action of the government of Iraq as a lawful act of sovereignty to safeguard its legitimate interests," the resolution said.

Opec countries, which produce 85 per cent of the world's oil, are Abu Dhabi, Algeria, Indonesia, Iraq, Iran, Kuwait, Libya, Nigeria, Qatar, Saudi Arabia and Venezuela.

**Mayor Shawa says 7 opium smugglers killed in Iran**

**Gazans treated 'like servants'**

TEHRAN (AP). — Seven drug smugglers died in a gun battle with state police early yesterday in the highlands of Kalshour, police sources said.

Police said they impounded 155 kgs. of opium after the battle. A separate battle in the same area ended with four smugglers captured and a further 640 kgs. of opium being impounded.

Anyone caught with more than one kg. of opium faces a military trial and execution by firing squad under a new anti-narcotic law.

So far 164 drug peddlars have been executed since the law was enacted in 1970. But the narcotics traffic is reported to be continuing in a rather more aggressive and bloody manner than before.



Marie-Luce Cagniard, trapped for over 36 hours in the wreckage of the two trains which crashed in a tunnel near Soissons, France, on Friday, is extricated by rescue workers. She was flown by helicopter to a Paris hospital. Six hours later, a 22-year-old soldier was also extricated, but his condition was reported to be grave. Officials fear that the final death toll may top 100, as firemen reported seeing "about 23 bodies" which they could not reach, and hearing cries for help deep inside the tunnel. The official toll as of last night was 59 dead and 87 injured. (AP radiophoto)

**Total press freedom in Libya, provided...**

BEIRUT (AP). — The press in Libya shall be free, provided all newspapers support socialism, the party and the revolutionary regime, Libyan Leader Muammer Gaddafi decreed yesterday.

The Middle East News Agency reported from Tripoli that the 29-year-old Libyan strongman has "opened the doors of freedom before the press to accomplish its role, by serving the revolutionary, socialist society."

Newspaper publishers are to be staunch believers in socialism, members of the Arab Socialist Union (the sole party authorized to operate in Libya), and they must labour to serve the revolution — and newspapers will thus enjoy "unbridled freedom," stated the decree.

Newspapers, according to the decree, are to be run by "socialist reporters" who will operate strictly within the framework of constitutional rights and uphold the "socialist ideal."

Under this banner there is to be no censorship on the press, Gaddafi declared in his 41-article decree, entitled "Law of the Freedom of the Press."

Each newspaper is to concentrate on one distinct field of activity — politics, economics, social or military affairs — and must be governed by a board of directors and one editor-in-chief, according to the decree.

Government censorship would thus be substituted by a kind of potential censorship, to be exercised by the hand-picked, pro-government newspapermen.

Gaddafi recently banned several Arabic-language newspapers for publishing photographs of sexy girls in bathing suits. In January, 28 journalists stood trial on charges of "contempting public opinion" during the monarchy.

At the time Gaddafi closed all newspapers pending the results of the trial.

Many of the 28 journalists were sentenced to prison terms ranging from three to 15 years, and most of the newspapers remained closed.

**Swiss warned of 'second Ulster'**

BERNE, Switzerland (AP). — Swiss authorities were warned yesterday that they will face retaliation for alleged police "brutality" in breaking up a demonstration on Saturday of supporters of the Jura Assembly, a French-speaking minority group which seeks greater autonomy in the confederation.

At least 11 persons were injured and 120 were taken into custody in a violent clash here between some 500 demonstrators and police who used tear gas, truncheons, and water cannon to control the crowd.

Demonstrators charged with the poles of their posters, ripped up the cobblestones and erected barricades in what was believed the worst outbreak of violence over the long snoudering issue.

The Jura Assembly accused police in a statement of "incredible sadism" and of maltreating "women, children and old men."

Police, it charged, lost self-control in a "bestial and bloody" way. "Bernese showed its brutal face and will have to pay dearly for this," the statement said.

Police said they took action after the crowd, taking part in an unauthorized street rally, refused to move. They said the 11 injured included eight policemen.

The Jura issue dates back to 1815 when the largely Catholic region, bordering on France, was made part of the predominantly Protestant and German-speaking canton (state) of Berne. Saturday's clash could mean a setback to repeated recent federal government efforts to achieve a compromise solution.

Some observers fear a radicalization as a result of the Berne clashes, recalling a statement by radicals among the autonomy movement earlier this year that the region may become a "second Northern Ireland."

**Syrian marauders buried in Damascus**

DAMASCUS (UPI). — Four Syrians killed in fighting with Israel troops on the Golan Heights last week were buried in Damascus on Saturday, the Middle East News Agency said yesterday.

The four were identified by an official at the political branch of the Syrian army as: Ali Mohammed Hussein, Nayef Shaban, Faour Ahmed Diab and Youssef Mohammed Ali, the agency said.

**Inter-tribal rampage follows Melanesian football match**

RABAU, New Britain (Reuters). — Scores of football supporters rampaged through the streets of Rabaul yesterday in three hours of inter-tribal fighting over a football match.

The fighting flared when West New Britain and people from the New Guinea mainland invaded a playing field after an Australian Rules football game.

The match was won by the local Topui team. The supporters of the other team, Malteche, chased the Tolais through the streets for almost three km.

Police said the retreating Tolais stabbed one man, killed a dog, and tore down at least eight homes and tried to burn them.

**OAU attack on Israel was not unanimous**

By DAVID LANDAU  
 Jerusalem Post Diplomatic Correspondent

The unanimous anti-Israel resolution ostensibly passed by the Organization of African Unity at Rabat last week was neither "unanimous" nor a "resolution." According to reliable information reaching The Jerusalem Post, the African states could not reach unanimity on the Middle East, and an Egyptian-inspired draft was eventually railroaded through as a "consensus" with a number of delegations expressing their opposition.

News agency reports from Rabat of a "unanimous resolution" were apparently deliberately inspired by the OAU Secretariat, or by the host government of Morocco.

A committee of 12 foreign ministers was set up at the outset of the conference to draft a Middle East resolution. The 12 comprised foreign ministers of "The Committee of Ten" — the 10 African heads of state charged by the 1971 OAU Conference with investigating peace prospects in the Middle East — plus the foreign ministers of Morocco and Algeria.

The 12, reportedly unable to reach accord, returned to the plenum without a draft. King Hassan of Morocco, this year's Chairman of the OAU Conference, then picked up an Arab-initiated draft and in effect pushed this through. But it was stressed during this plenary session that the draft was merely a "consensus," not a unanimous resolution, and that it had opposition.

The "resolution" has not yet been officially published by the OAU, and it remains to be seen whether the official publication will reflect the differences of opinion which in fact occurred.

The "resolution" as reported:

- expressed the OAU's solidarity with Egypt and complimented it on its "positive attitude towards peace";
- deplored Israel's "negative and obstructive" attitude to Dr. Jarring;
- called on Israel to withdraw from all occupied territories;
- expressed support for Egypt to recover in toto and by all means its territorial integrity;
- called for OAU members to step up political support for Egypt;
- called on all U.N. members to abstain from supplying arms to Israel.

"The Committee of Ten," it will be recalled, last year dispatched in turn a mission of four heads of state — the presidents of Senegal, Zaïre, Nigeria and Cameroon — to Cairo and Jerusalem to investigate the positions of the Egyptian and Israeli governments and see if a breakthrough were possible.

The "Four," and subsequently the "Ten," made a number of proposals to both sides, *inter alia* that they resume indirect negotiations under Dr. Jarring, the U.N. envoy. This proposal did not link resumption of the Jarring Talks with Israel's acceptance of the U.N. envoy's Memorandum of February 8, which in effect demanded a prior undertaking to complete withdrawal. In oral "clarifications" with the "Four," too, Prime Minister Meir made it clear that Israel could not agree to the Jarring Memorandum.

However, shortly before last week's O.A.U. Conference, the outgoing President of the Organization, Moktar Ould Daddah of Mauritania, circulated a "report" among O.A.U. states on the work of the Committee of Ten in which he maintained that the *Ten* did ask Israel to accept Jarring's Memorandum. This despite the clear absence of such a request in the *Ten's* own memorandum to the two sides, and despite the oral "clarifications" between Premier Meir and President Senghor of Senegal, of which a full protocol was made available to the African mission.

**Hassan: Don't want crisis**

PARIS (INA). — OAU President, Morocco's King Hassan, declared on Saturday that "if Israel showed a sign of good will which might lead to something positive and dynamic... it is not impossible for the OAU to send another peace-making mission to the Middle East."

At a press conference at his palace in Rabat, the king added that he, himself, declined ever to go to Israel personally. "You cannot imagine me talking with Mrs. Golda Meir can you?" he asked, adding at once, "Thank God, I have eight deputy chairmen, many of whom have diplomatic relations with Israel. That is what deputy chairmen are for..."

Analyzing the possible results of last week's "resolution," he said: "It is true that many African nations entertain diplomatic relations with Israel. Many of them have quite deep relations. They get solid economic and technical aid. It is not our plan, not the plan of the African nations, to strip Peter in order to clothe Paul nor do we wish to create a crisis which would put certain of our friends in a delicate situation."

Therefore, King Hassan said, those that African nations should ask their own conscience, and try to convince the powers friendly to them that "the problem of apartheid as well as that of Israel's stubbornness in occupying forcefully territory which does not belong to this state, are the result not of Portuguese, Rhodesian, South African or Israeli actions, but rather the result of the policy of those who stand behind them and supply logistical aid to these nations."

**McGovern seen sweeping N.Y. primary tomorrow**

NEW YORK (Reuters). — Shrugging off charges of cowardice and "vacillation" about Israel, Senator George McGovern moved confidently yesterday towards an overwhelming victory in tomorrow's Democratic presidential primary election here.

Sen. McGovern, who faces only half-hearted opposition at the polls, is expected to win at least 300 of the 248 elected New York delegates to the Democratic convention at Miami Beach July 10.

The victory would leave the South Dakota senator with almost 1,300 votes, not far from the 1,509 he needs for a first ballot victory at the convention and the nomination to oppose President Nixon in November.

A "stop McGovern" movement persists, and the anti-war senator has been accused of cowardice during World War Two and of weakness in his attitude towards Israel. The accusation of cowardice first appeared in a magazine published by the ultra-right-wing John Birch Society.

According to the story, Sen. McGovern refused to pilot his U.S. Army-Air Force B-24 bomber on its last mission in World War Two and was relieved of his command and reprimanded.

But McGovern's crew aboard the B-24 leaped to his defence, one commenting on the charges: "whoever said that is a flat goddamned liar."

The charges about McGovern's attitude towards Israel are a particularly sensitive issue in New York, where Jews constitute a large part of traditional Democratic strength.

McGovern does not appear to have been hurt by the charges but he is spending a good deal of his time in New York meeting with Jewish leaders. At a synagogue on Saturday night, he pledged that, if elected, he would go to Israel, becoming the first American president to do so while in office.

From Silver Spring, Maryland, doctors reported yesterday that after surgery to remove a bullet from his spine, they expect Alabama Governor George Wallace to be able to move about with the aid of braces and crutches within six months. They added that there is less than a 50-50 chance that the Governor will walk normally again.

**Devlin appeals for 7-day I.R.A. cease-fire**

BELFAST (AP). — Civil rights leader Bernadette Devlin yesterday appealed to militants of the Irish Republican Army (I.R.A.) for a seven-day halt to violence amid reports of a split among leaders of the outlawed guerrilla group.

Both the Dublin and Londonderry headquarters of the ultra-nationalist I.R.A. "Provisionals" heatedly denied reports of a division among its top ranks.

These political developments came during a relative lull in Ulster's gun and bomb battle that in nearly 34 months left a death toll of 369.

Widespread reports of the Provisional split were published in both Dublin and Belfast Sunday newspapers. They said David O'Connell, chief tactician of the Provisional I.R.A., was taking over in a policy dispute from the organization's London-born Chief of Staff, Sean MacStofair. But O'Connell himself telephoned the British Broadcasting Corporation to deny the news.

Miss Devlin's appeal to the I.R.A., however, appeared to indicate a dramatic step-up in pressure on the Provisionals to join the I.R.A.'s other wing, the Marxist "Official" group, in calling a cease-fire, even if limited, to give peacemakers a chance to work out a settlement that would satisfy the majority Protestants and the minority Roman Catholics.

The officials called a 28-day truce to violence last month in response to a growing chorus of appeals from Roman Catholics in Belfast and Londonderry.



**Over 100 feared dead in Hongkong avalanches**

HONGKONG. — Avalanches smashed down two Hongkong hillsides last night, with over 100 feared dead as they wiped out a squatter hut area on the Kowloon Peninsula and demolished three multi-storey apartment buildings on Victoria Peak on Hongkong Island.

Forty bodies had been recovered up to midnight last night from the squatter area avalanche. Eighty more were reported missing and feared buried beneath the thousands of tons of mud and rock that crashed through 78 huts housing some 400 Chinese refugees.

Police and firemen said there were cries for help from the wreckage of the three Victoria Park apartment buildings — 10, 12 and 14 storeys — but it was not immediately possible to say how many died and how many survived that avalanche.

The rains, which began early on Friday, have caused flooding and landslides which have submerged or buried hundreds of homes, overloaded the colony's reservoirs, disrupted traffic and blocked the main railway line linking Hongkong with the South China city of Canton. Over 64 cms. of rain have fallen in under 3 days. (AP, Reuters)

**Saigon Marines attack bunkers in Quang Tri**

SAIGON. — On the eve of Armed Forces Day, nearly 3,000 South Vietnamese Marines launched a three-pronged spoiling operation yesterday into North Vietnamese-held Quang Tri Province behind waves of U.S. B-52 bombers marking their seventh anniversary in the air, 1971.

The Marines, spearheaded by an armoured column, swept five km. north of the northernmost defence line at My Chanh, about 45 km. above the old imperial capital of Hoi, an A.P. correspondent reported from the front.

Initial reports from the front said 83 North Vietnamese troops were killed as the South Vietnamese Marines moved through heavily fortified North Vietnamese bunker lines. First reports said South Vietnamese casualties were light.

It was the fifth drive into the North Vietnamese-held region in a little more than a month. Quang Tri, South Vietnam's northernmost province, fell to the North Vietnamese on May 1, a month after the Communist Command launched a massive offensive across the demilitarized zone.

For the fourth successive day yesterday, U.S. fighter-bombers stayed well south of Hanoi and generally below the 20th parallel in the continuing bombing campaign of North Vietnam, informants said, "because of the visit to the Communist capital of Soviet President Nikolai Podgorny."

**TITO TO WARSAW FOR ECONOMIC TALKS**

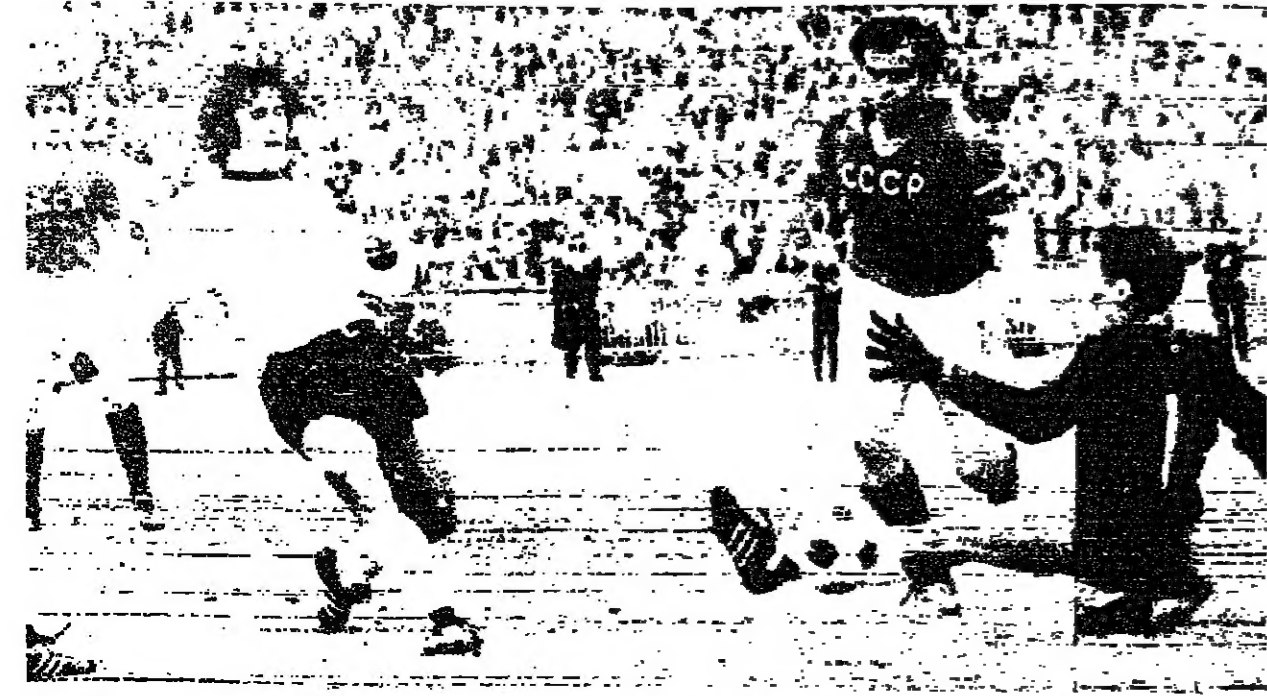
WARSAW (AP). — President Josp Tito of Yugoslavia, just five days after the Moscow summit, arrives here today for talks with Polish Communist Party leaders — expected to centre mainly on economic cooperation.

**UNKNOWN DELAY**

U.S. military sources here said they did not know how long the suspension of American bombing in the Hanoi-Haiphong region would continue.

Reporting on Saturday's air action, the Communist said Air Force, Navy and Marine tactical fighter-bombers flew more than 300 strikes over North Vietnam. This raised to about 1,000 strikes flown over the southern half of North Vietnam in the past three days, one of the heaviest periods of air attacks since the resumption of the bombing April 8. (AP, UPI, Reuters)

**BBAYO. — Spanish Foreign Minister Gregorio Lopez Ercaviz flew to Damascus yesterday after a 48-hour visit to Beirut, where he had talks on ways of increasing cooperation between Spain and Lebanon in the fields of tourism, culture and trade.**



West German striker Gerd Muller (left, white) sends the ball past Russian goalie Evgenie Rudakov (right) to score his side's first goal in the European Nations Cup Final in Brussels yesterday. Russia's Murtas Khurtsilava is seen running at centre. The West Germans won 3-0. (AP radiophoto)

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# The shadow of the Colonel and Makarios' troubles

**NICOSIA.** — A NEW chapter in the long story of intercommunal discord in Cyprus has begun with the inauguration of another round of talks between Greek and Turkish Cypriots. But the euphoric optimism aroused by the previous round of talks, which began in June 1968 and lasted to a halt last September with the two sides completely deadlocked, has gone.

Two factors underlined the sharpness of the division between Cypriots — the inaugural meeting of the new talks last week had to be held in the Canadian United Nations Forces Club on the "green line" in Nicosia because neither side was willing for it to be held in the other's sector, and the Turkish side pointedly underlined that any settlement must guarantee the continued independence of the republic and reject any possibility of Enosis (the union of Cyprus with Greece).

The previous round of talks had been bilateral, with only representatives of the Greek and Turkish communities — Giakos Clerides and Rauf Denktaş — participating. They became bogged down over the degree of autonomy to be granted to the Turkish-Cypriot minority and the refusal to rule out the possibility of Enosis by the Greek-Cypriot majority.

The new talks include advisers from Greece and Turkey. No venue for the talks has yet been fixed, but the date tentatively suggested is July 3. Both Greece and Turkey are anxious to reach a settlement of the Cyprus problem, which will enable them to rebuild their own relations which have sunk to a dangerous level on several occasions since the Cyprus troubles broke out at Christmas 1963.

## Greek disunity

Apart from basic disagreements between the communities, however, the road to a settlement is hindered by disunity among Greek Cypriots with a militant minority demanding immediate Enosis — whether Greece desires it or not — and although President Makarios is now firmly committed to a policy of full independence for the island he is believed to be severely restricted by the fear of being branded as a betrayer of the age-old dream of Greek Cypriots.

There is also a nagging doubt about whether Makarios will stand for re-election in the next Presidential election in February. The doubt arises from reports that the Army-backed Greek Government of George Papadopoulos is exerting pressure on the Archbishop not to offer himself as a candidate when the election comes around.

Makarios, 59, who is Ethnarch (head) of the Greek Cypriot Orthodox Church, has held the office of President continuously since the island gained its freedom from Britain in 1960.

The Archbishop was first elected in December 1969, during the period of transitional Government which followed the agreement in London in the preceding February terminating British imperial rule. The 1965 election was deferred because of the communal troubles, but when it was held in February 1968 Makarios was re-elected by an overwhelming majority. There is little doubt that next year he would again sweep the poll if he offered himself. But the Papadopoulos Government wants him removed. Early this year Athens persuaded the bishops of the Greek Cypriot Church to assail Makarios' dual role as spiritual and temporal leader on the grounds that the two were incompatible and contrary to the rules of the Church. Makarios has twice rejected this

The Greek Government of George Papadopoulos is behind the pressure being brought on Cyprus President Makarios not to stand for re-election, because the Archbishop represents a major obstacle in the way of an Athens-Ankara agreement on the future of Cyprus. OFNS correspondent Herman Goult reports on the imminent start of another round of talks between Greek and Turkish Cypriots.



Makarios and Papadopoulos at recent meeting, kisses and conspiracies.

case, saying last week that his conscience would not permit him to abandon the people, "who are in great peril and look to me."

According to his confidant and medical adviser, Dr. Vassos Lyssarides, pressure is being brought upon him not to stand for re-election.

There is a vociferous minority of Greek Cypriots who want Makarios to bow to the *diktat* from Athens who indeed have been campaigning vigorously through the subsidized opposition Press for him to resign. To the majority of Cypriots, however, there is something incongruous in the spectacle of a regime which came to power through a *coup d'etat* and maintains its authority by means of martial law and rigid oppression, trying to dictate the future actions

of a leader who enjoys the overwhelming support of his people, freely expressed through the ballot.

A successor to Archbishop Makarios who could command the confidence and full respect of the people would not be easy to find. On his occasional absences from the island on official visits the duties of acting president have been assumed by Giakos Clerides, Speaker of the Cyprus Parliament and spokesman in the peace talks, but Clerides cannot be said to have been in any way groomed for the succession — nor is it likely that he would wish it.

In the 1968 election Makarios was opposed by a Nicosia psychiatrist, Dr. Takis Evdokas, who advocates surrendering the island's independence

and seeking Enosis. The margin by which Evdokas was defeated — 95 per cent to about three per cent — does not suggest that he could possibly fill the shoes of the Ethnarch.

There is likely to be something of a struggle for power if Makarios does step down, involving perhaps a final showdown on the Enosis question. But in the background looms the shadow of George Papadopoulos and his regime, who are widely believed to have arranged a "sell-out" of the Cypriots by agreeing with Turkey behind the scenes to partition the island as a "final solution."

That is why Papadopoulos wants Makarios out of the way. He represents a major obstacle in the way of such an arrangement.

# Taiwan's shrinking diplomacy

**HONGKONG (ANS).** — Greece's recognition of China, announced in Athens on June 5, has further reduced Taiwan's international prestige, bringing the number of countries left recognizing Taipei to 48 — out of the 144 independent nations and states in the world.

Premier Chiang Ching-Kuo was not unaware of the embarrassing fact that on May 20 when his father, the Generalissimo, was inaugurated President of the Republic of China for a fifth six-year term, only 18 foreign countries sent special envoys, the others being represented by Ambassadors and charge d'affaires stationed in Taipei.

The Greek Government's switch to Peking gave the newly-organized cabinet of Premier Chiang Ching-Kuo its first foreign policy test.

There was no strong reaction in Taiwan other than the usual statement issued by the Foreign Ministry charging the Greek Government with being "unfriendly," and severing ties with Athens, which is mandatory.

## Flexible policy

Early this year the Taiwan Government began taking a more flexible foreign policy line as an increasing number of countries began opening for Peking.

Now Taipei is more disposed to maintaining some sort of ties with these countries — to the extent even of a possible arrangement with Moscow and the eastern Europeans.

At least that was what the former Foreign Minister Mr. Chow Shau-Kal said publicly only a month ago. However, Taipei inner circles say that it was this assertion by Mr. Chow (coupled with the fact that it was during his time as Foreign Minister that the nationalists met with their defeat at the U.N. by Peking), that has brought about the recall of the former Foreign Minister, Mr. Shen Chang-Huan to head the Foreign Ministry again.

Mr. Shen is a hardliner on communist relations. His remarks that there would be "no standing together with the bandits" (the Kuomintang's stock description of the Chinese Communists) had impressed the Kuomintang hierarchy, particularly Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek.

But Mr. Shen's recall also indicates the dwindling number of suitable and experienced senior personnel left in the Foreign Ministry. This despite the fact that there should now be quite a pool of diplomats, with so many Nationalist embassies closing now.



Takao Himori, 24, arrested by police Friday in Kyoto, Japan for his possible connection with the Lod massacre was escorted by plainclothesmen Saturday to Tokyo for questioning. He was seized in a Kyoto pawnshop when he tried to reclaim a wristwatch. (AP radiophoto)

# Quake-shy residents flee Ancona again

**ANCONA, Italy (Reuter).** — Thousands of terrified inhabitants fled back into the countryside when a strong earth tremor rocked this quake-hit city yesterday.

The Adriatic port city has been hit by some 50 tremors since last Wednesday when a strong earthquake — measuring nine on the 12-point Mercalli scale — left three people dead from heart failure, 50 injured by falling masonry and damage estimated at more than 200,000m. lire (£125m.).

About 75 per cent of the city's 100,000 population fled to the countryside and were told not to return until the area had been quake-free for at least 24 hours. Those who did not flee the city have been living in tents and railway carriages.

There were four minor tremors on Friday night and the inhabitants have been slowly trickling back over the weekend. A large number returned yesterday but when the tremor struck — registering between four and five points — they fled the city.

The tremor was strong enough to put the instruments of a mobile geophysical station out of order, but otherwise caused no damage or injuries, police said.

## Syrian terrorist runs with money

A leading member of the Syrian government-sponsored Ba'ek'a terrorist organization, Capt. Mahmoud Barbour, has fled to Mexico with \$1.5m. sources quoted by Agence France Presse have reported.

The same source said that Captain Barbour, a Syrian who was in charge of the organization's financial bureau, embezzled the funds two years ago. Syrian authorities have confirmed that Mr. Barbour is in Mexico and that Syria will request his extradition.

## H.U. professor to advise Japanese

Professor Dan Hillel, head of the combined department of soil science and irrigation at the Hebrew University Faculty of Agriculture in Rehovot, leaves for Japan this week to work there as an adviser on the use of soil and water resources.

At the invitation of the Japanese Society for Promotion of Science, Prof. Hillel will teach at Tottori University in Japan and then travel throughout the country as an adviser on research in land reclamation.

# Burundi: Development seems to be in reverse

By CHRIS PRETCHARD

**LONDON (FWF).** — A LARGE photograph of Lieut. Colonel Michel Micombero, 31-year-old President of Burundi and "Liberator of the People," received regular and furtive glimpses from a monarchist schoolteacher I talked to in the restaurant of Bujumbura's once-plush Hotel Pagouda.

Micombero, young and handsome under musty-chops and amoushacha which make him look more like a 19th century European cavalry officer than a modern African leader, gazes sternly down from his position on at least one wall in nearly every room in Bujumbura.

"This Government thrives on plots," the schoolteacher told me. "It survives on plots — and always it is the monarchists who are blamed. But there is never any evidence — never any plot. The people would like King Ntare back — but look at the government,

look at the army. They are firmly in control."

A week later ex-King Ntare was back home from exile in West Germany, having successfully persuaded President Idi Amin of Uganda to intervene on his behalf and get assurances from the Burundese that he would not be arrested or harmed. Either the 25-year-old monarch was oblivious of the impending violence or, alternatively, he fell into a well-laid republican trap. He was placed under house arrest at his palace in the market town of Kitega as soon as he was back in the country.

When, late in April, violence swept the country, Ntare was killed in the gunfire which resulted from a bid to free him from house arrest. More guns were fired in Bujumbura and a few bombs were thrown at the homes of men who supported the five-year-old republican regime. Only when refugees began pouring into Bujumbura from the countryside and across the borders to Zaire (formerly Congo-Kinshasa) and Tanzania did some idea of the extent of the killing emerge. More than 7,000 refugees are reported to have fled to Tanzania alone, while thousands more failed to find canoes or other boats to take them down Lake Tanganyika to safety. Anti-regime rebels were said to have massacred all the inhabitants of some villages, irrespective of tribe. And, added Micombero in a message broadcast by Burundi's "Voice of the Revolution" radio station: "Mothers with babes in arms were massacred... mothers-to-be were treated so horribly that it defies human understanding." British and Indian missionaries found themselves cut off from the nearest towns as fighting raged in the hilly countryside. In radio-telephone conversations recorded in Uganda they spoke of fearing for their lives and of possible evacuation. But President Micombero believes his government has broken the back of the revolt — and that the situation will soon be back to normal.

Micombero is a member of the Tutsi tribe — and it is the Tutsi who predominate in his government. The Tutsi, a tall and lean people, were for centuries the feudal masters of the Hutu majority. Ntare's father, Mwambutsa IV, was the last of the true traditionalist monarchs. Ntare deposed him but, after a brief and turbulent reign, was sent packing by Micombero's new republicans. Under Micombero, the "revolutionary" Tutsi shared power with the Hutu — but it is still a largely Tutsi regime. Nevertheless, the latest bout of trouble, from which the regime appears to have emerged the victor, comes not from the Hutu but from Tutsi purists who want a return to the monarchy. Some reports suggest there was a certain amount of inter-tribal collusion to try to unseat Micombero's regime and there is evidence that Hutu gangs were also involved in the anti-regime killings. Simba guerrillas left in the hills of eastern Zaire after the collapse of Antoine Gizenga's Kisangani-based "People's Republic of the Congo" in 1965, are also (inevitably, since they should be the arch-enemies of traditionalist elements) said to have given help to the would-be topplers of Micombero.

## Inevitable trouble

Trouble for Micombero was inevitable: the promises of the revolutionaries (which, like President Mobutu Sese Soso's Zaire Government, uses left-wing rhetoric but depends largely on its Western links) could hardly have been fulfilled.

Burundi, a poverty-stricken wedge of remote central Africa, has little chance of development. About 3,250,000 people live there within its 10,749 square miles. It has the densest population in Africa. As elsewhere it is the better educated youngsters who express their disillusion most bitterly — but, in Burundi, it is better to do something like this quietly.

A group of youngsters with whom I chatted while they were

waiting to start a basketball practice were high school kids — but they do not expect to find the kind of jobs they would like once they start work. They spoke of leaving for the bright lights of Zaire and Tanzania — naively believing that, once they reached Kinshasa or Dar-es-Salaam, they would not be seen in Nairobi or the attractive cities. "Look at Bujumbura," one of the youngsters demanded. "How many new buildings?" I had to admit that, along its broad tree-lined boulevards, I had seen only two which looked less than 10 years old — the U.S. Embassy and the National Bank. A Belgian in the Club Sukisa, a sedate central city nightclub, described it as stagnation. "There is nothing happening here — no new jobs nor inous-

ry being created. With the rising population, things are, in fact, going backwards."

Dismissing his unimpeachable prejudice, there was still the sad conclusion to be drawn that he was right. In Bujumbura there is no sign, not even on a small scale, of the frenzied building activity to be seen in Nairobi or the attractive new blocks that are rising all the time in Kampala and Dar-es-Salaam.

The most efficient and thriving aspect of life is the army, well-trained and (according to local reports) well-disciplined. The soldiers are omnipresent, as are their Belgian advisers, who congregate in much the same exclusive way as they did in colonial times at tables outside Bujumbura's bars.

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# 'Ot' reflects all Labour views, says editor

THE Pithat Rafah incident — eviction of Beduin and construction of a security fence in the area — which led to official reprimands of the army officers responsible, seemed closed. The Cabinet had accepted the findings of the army inquiries, and public attention was focused on the Witkon Commission Report.

Then "Ot," the Labour Party weekly, carried a signed article by its editor, David Shaham, under the title, "The Real Affair at Rafah," and the incident once more began to bubble on or near the surface of Israel's political waters.

It led to a stormy confrontation between Shaham, Defence Minister Dayan and Mrs. Meir at a meeting of the Labour Party Leadership Bureau. This in turn led to a spate of articles in the press, and to a tense meeting of the Alignment Knesset faction with Mr. Dayan.

From behind his desk in the "Ot" editorial offices in a basement just off busy Rehov Dizengoff, Mr. Shaham peers at his visitor with intense, intelligent eyes set off by a straggling Trotsky-like beard.

At 49, he has a successful career in public relations and advertising behind him, having been a partner in Shaham, Lewinson and Eylon, one of the two largest advertising and P.R. firms in Israel.

"I went into public relations so that I could afford to retire at an early age, but the recession intervened." When he accepted the offer to edit "Ot" a year ago he sold his shares in the firm to his partners. He thinks they will soon remove his name from the title.

Shaham's father was Eliezer Steinman, a prominent man of Hebrew letters in little Tel Aviv. His brother is the well-known novelist of the Palmach generation, Nathan Shaham, of Kibbutz Beit Alpha, and his wife is Rina Shaham, the dancer. He himself has published seven books.

His early political training was in Hashomer Hatzair, in which he was very active, and he spent three years as an emissary of that movement in the U.S.

### Question

In his controversial article, Shaham questioned whether the reprimand of the senior officer responsible for the Rafah incident was sufficient. He wanted to know why the officer's name should not be made public.

"How is it possible," he asked, "that things take place in the Defence Minister's sphere of responsibility which he does not know about. And

**Political Reporter Mark Segal talks with David Shaham, who edits the Labour party weekly 'Ot' with views of his own.**

if they do, why then does he not take steps to punish the offenders?" Shaham also compared the case to President Harry Truman's clash with General Douglas MacArthur in the Korean War, and decried the whole matter as a "dangerous precedent for democratic life in Israel."

In a word, he called for the officer's dismissal. In our interview, Mr. Shaham assured me that if he had to write the article again he would write it exactly the same way, except for the one sentence questioning the Defence Minister's competence to control the affairs of his own ministry.

"Perhaps I did make a mistake by asking why the Defence Minister did not punish the officer. I am ready to say now that I am sorry that I wrote that because now I realize that the Minister is not empowered to impose any such punishment." (Such actions are only within the jurisdiction of the Army.)

### Supervision

In the bitter Party Leadership meeting that followed the article's appearance, Mrs. Meir proposed that an editorial "secretariat" should be established to supervise "Ot."

Mr. Shaham says no mention of such a body was made when he agreed to take on the job. There was then talk of an advisory committee that would not, however, have power to overrule the editor. The whole purpose of "Ot," he said, was that it should not be a "sooty" journal or official paper.

He contends that the magazine now represents all views in the Labour Party, and denies that it reflects predominantly the view of the party "doves."

Whatever the case, he says firmly, he is "not getting directives from anyone," and stresses that the Labour Party weekly has a right to criticize the Government, including the management of the Army.

"The paper belongs to the Party and is obliged to report the truth. We must not print lies, and if we have to criticize we must do so.

How did he come to "Ot"?

Mr. Shaham says that his intention of leaving public relations work was known to his friends, who include many of a specific group of former Mapainiks. And they finally made him the offer.

Lyova Eliaz and Avraham Ofer are long-time friends, Asher Yadin of Hevrat Ovdim was a schoolmate. And, says Shaham, he was given to understand at the outset that, as editor of "Ot," he would have complete freedom of action. This commitment was given him by the Party secretariat.

Mr. Shaham recalls that, after leaving Mapaim in the 1950s, he did not join any party until the United Labour Party was formed. He was, however, active in the "Citizens for Eshkol" organization that campaigned (principally against Ben-Gurion's Rafi list) for the Mapai-Ahdut Ha'avoda alignment in the 1965 elections.

"Why did he commit himself then?" "I was favourably impressed by Eshkol's struggle. I felt he was more open to public opinion and to a greater measure of democracy in our public life.

"Above all, I felt he offered an alternative to the old policy, because I believed that Ben-Gurion's politics did not bring us nearer to peace. "In the early days, the Shareit policy seemed to prove that it was bringing peace nearer, and some results seemed apparent, but the Lavon Affair intervened."

Mr. Shaham claimed that some attempts at mediation with Egypt were made by Shareit, singling out specifically an effort by Malta's Don



DAVID SHAHAM (Israel Sun)

Mintoff, the British Labour M.P., Sidney Silverman, and Eisenhower's Treasury Secretary, Robert Anderson.

Mr. Shaham believes that the security "mishap" of the Lavon Affair interrupted a peace effort at a time when Nasser sought peace.

In the early 1950s there were some options that Israel did not exploit properly, Mr. Shaham says. "Nasser's sincerity was questioned too critically. We should have given him more credit."

### 100-yard gulp

LONDON (AP). — An event billed as the world spaghetti eating championship was won Saturday night by a 20-year-old girl and three young men who swallowed 100 yards of the stuff in 53 seconds.

Eight four-person teams from all over Britain competed in the championship at London's Cafe Royal. They were told that the previous world record for guzzling 100 yards of spaghetti was 1 minute 34 seconds, set by a London youth club several years ago.

Stan Davies, the girl in the award-winning team, told newsmen: "we're all students and we eat spaghetti because it's cheap. I don't worry about my figure. I eat what I enjoy."

### Bikes may outsell cars if U.S. boom persists

NEW YORK (UPI). — adult Americans are riding bicycles in huge numbers. This is shown by the fact that sale of the high-risers, designed for growing children, dropped from 95 per cent of the total in 1969 to 50 per cent last year. In other words half of all new bikes are sold to adults or teenagers tall enough for a full leg pull.

Money-wise, of course, the difference is enormous, but 10.5m. bikes still would mean \$500m. (IL2,100m.) in retail sales. Prices range from around \$30 (IL126) to well over \$100 (IL420).

Imported bicycles from England, France, Italy, Germany Japan and other countries had 27 per cent of the U.S. market last year and may get 29 per cent this year, the Bicycle Manufacturers Association said. The lightweight European and Japanese bikes have been big sellers because of their French-patented derailleur transmissions of several chain gear ratios or three-speed hub transmissions. They make hill climbing almost effortless.

According to the Association, the bicycle boom is accelerating because for the first time since before 1910

# British gypsies used to 'parking problem'

By WILLIAM FORRESTER

THE gypsies of Britain, 3,500 families all told, are having a spot of bother with authority over their encampments. There's nothing new in that. In the thousand years or so since they came to Europe from the East — pretending to be Christians fleeing from the Turks — the gypsies have rarely, if ever, been at peace with the powers-that-be.

Wandering strangers coming from afar tend to excite fear or hostility, or both, in the settled citizens of civilized society, and, to the suburban Englishman or the bourgeois Frenchman, could anything be stranger than those swarthy, dark-eyed, furtive little folk with no fixed abode and no country they can call their own, who eat roast hedgehog and haunt the fairgrounds, who claim to have the gift of second sight and who, when crossed, mutter curses in their outlandish Romany tongue?

The history of the gypsies is one long record of persecution. All over Europe, from the Tagus to the Volga, they have been enslaved and tortured, hounded from pillar to post and even put to death, simply for being gypsies.

In 16th century England, it was decreed that anyone who consorted with gypsies would be considered a felon and suffer death, and as late as 1819 a by-law of the county of Norfolk prescribed whipping and imprisonment for those who "wandered abroad in the habits of Egyptians."

### Nazis' Aryan victims

A gypsy woman with a child at her breast was chosen as the quarry for a hunt in the Rhineland in the 18th Century. But it was left to the Germans of the 20th Century to deal them the most savage blow of all. Along with the Jews, the gypsies were classed by the Nazis as sub-human, fit only for extermination, and half a million of them perished in the gas chambers of Auschwitz, Treblinka and the other death camps of Eastern Europe.

Unlike the Jews, the gypsies claim to an impeccable Aryan background which ought to have appealed to the Nazi racists.

The nations of Europe have made wild guesses at the origin of the

Moves are being made in some areas of Britain to shift gypsy caravans that are illegally parked. Under an Act of 1968 local councils are bound to provide special sites for gypsy camps and the Gypsy Council has agreed to give the idea of designated sites a trial. Gemini News Service reports on the state of gypsies in Europe.

The English, thinking they had come from Egypt, called them Egyptians, which they afterwards shortened to gypsies. To the French, however, they are Bohemians — and as it happens it is in Czechoslovakia (which embraces the old Bohemia) that the gypsies are today thicker on the ground than anywhere else.

The Swedes call the gypsies Tartars. To the Germans and the Dutch they are quite simply Heathens. And in Spain gypsy music is called Flamenco (Flamenco).

### Asian origins

But the Hindi words that form the basis of the Romany tongue point clearly to the Asian cradle of the gypsies. First set out — how many years ago no one knows. They were in Persia round about the year 1000, and a century later their presence in Europe was mentioned in a chronicle by one of the monks of Mount Athos.

It is not easy to tell how many of them roam the world today — they don't lend themselves easily to the task of the census-takers. But gypsies from 15 countries who attended an international congress in England last year were said to represent three million of their fellow. Nearly a million of these live in the Communist countries of Eastern Europe, including 300,000 in Czechoslovakia and 130,000 in the Soviet Union.

Gypsies have always rebelled against threats to their way of life. In vain did the Empress Maria Theresa in 1761 forbid them to roam and speak their own language. And equally vain, two centuries later, has been the recommendation by the Social Committee of the Council of Europe that member-States should take steps to "integrate" their gypsies with the rest of the community, the opposition coming not from the member-States but from the gypsies themselves.

How then do these arch-anarchists who, as Cervantes observed, "sing even when loaded with chains," show up under the rigid discipline of Communism?

Czechoslovakia, which boasts the only gypsy woman magistrate in the world, has formed a Union of Romanies with the aim of "assisting the gypsies in the process of socialist integration." But up to now only one gypsy child in five has been roped into school, and the authorities say somewhat sadly that "it cannot be disguised that many gypsies live by theft, speculation and the like."

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# Is gold overpriced at \$60 per ounce?

By JOSEPH VOET  
Special to The Jerusalem Post

The price of gold has recently risen spectacularly on the free markets of the world. London and Zurich. The price of a troy ounce of fine gold of 31.1035 grams hovers near \$60, an increase of 70 per cent on the rock bottom level of a few years ago. In 1970, the average free gold price was only \$36.80. It rose to \$44 in 1971, and to \$40.80 in 1972.

The major part of the latest increase has been the result of the sudden and steep rise during recent months. This price behaviour compares favourably with the movement of share quotations on most of the world stock exchanges, with possibly the exception of our tiny but recently very volatile Tel Aviv bourse.

The price rise of gold has nothing to do with the recent legalised dollar increase of the free market price from \$35 to \$38, or only one per cent per ounce. This long overdue legalisation of a situation which had in fact been an assistance for many months was known in advance. The price increase on the free market was far the very limited rise in the official price. The most that can be said is that, as the agreement reached over two years ago between South Africa and the International Monetary Fund is still operative, the rock bottom price of \$35 per ounce has been raised slightly to \$38. During the difficult negotiations before the agreement, South Africa obtained the right to sell its newly mined gold at the official price to the I.M.F. should the free market price drop below the official level. With the market price of about \$60 this rock bottom guarantee of \$38 is of theoretical significance only.

**Non-monetary reason**

The reason for the sudden steep rise of the free market price of gold must consequently be found in the non-monetary sphere. The price of gold is at present being fixed, as is the price of all other commodities, simply by supply and demand. Demand is on the rise. As affluence increases, the biggest gold user, the jewellery industry, consumes more tons of the precious metal each year.

India is the biggest maker and wearer of jewellery, besides being a country where people love to hoard gold. Figures produced by extensive research by two gold producers, Consolidated Gold Fields and Charter Consolidated, estimate that India turned 240 tons of gold into jewellery in 1970. Italy is a good second, for its jewellery industry which does a roaring export trade, is estimated to need between 170 and 200 tons of fine gold annually. The U.S. gold consumption for industrial purposes has recently fallen to a mere 100 tons per annum, due to the cutting back of the space research programmes although its modern electronics industry uses a lot of gold.

Germany and Spain are smaller consumers of gold, but their demand is on the rise.

The supply side is still dominated by the position of the main producer, South Africa. Costs are rising in the mines around Johannesburg. Only the abundance of cheap black labour made it possible to produce gold at a price below \$35 an ounce, and that solely in the most productive mines.

Recently, Mr. De Jongh, president of the Central Bank of South Africa, declared that the balance of

payments of his country has improved so much that a forced selling of gold stocks to replenish the South African foreign currency reserves is no longer necessary. It is expected that South Africa will curtail its gold sales by about 20 per cent during 1972, regardless of production. Surplus production will be added to stocks. With an average annual rise of the demand for gold of at least four per cent, this decision has been mainly responsible for the recent rise of the price.

Another cause is said to be the secret agreement apparently negotiated recently by U.S. President Nixon to sell the Russians wheat against payment in gold to replenish the severely diminished U.S. reserves of the precious metal. No confirmation of this is possible but rumours of this improbable agreement have reached the world press. It must therefore be classified with the many rumours that speculators usually fabricate in order to try to benefit from the price fluctuations thus created.

Whatever the cause, the question remains: is gold around \$60 per troy ounce cheap or expensive? Is it a buy or a sell?

If we base our reply on the estimate of the most extensive research carried out so far, that by Consolidated Gold Fields the long term future for gold remains good.

Consolidated Gold estimate that in 1970 the price will be at least \$44.50 and in 1980 \$85 per ounce. These estimates were published some months ago, when the price was barely above \$40 an ounce, and were hardly believed. It was argued (not without reason) that Consolidated Gold Fields had a vested interest in predicting a high price for their own product. Now, with a free market price nearing \$60, the expectation of selling at only \$85 in three years' time seems hardly attractive.

## Beirut banks face a crisis — they have too much money

By RAYMOND WILKINSON

BEIRUT (UPI). — BANKS in Lebanon have too much money. Unless they get rid of some of their surplus cash soon, the system faces a crisis, according to banking sources.

The problem arose when capital started flowing into the country at a faster rate than the banks could wisely invest it.

The banks now have huge deposits on which they must pay increasing amounts of interest. They are unable to earn money themselves on much of the capital because there is more cash available than solid investment opportunities.

One official estimated there was up to \$250m. of this "idle" money currently within the Lebanese banking system.

It is a dramatic turnaround from only three years ago when as one banker said, "we were turning away even good customers because we didn't have enough money."

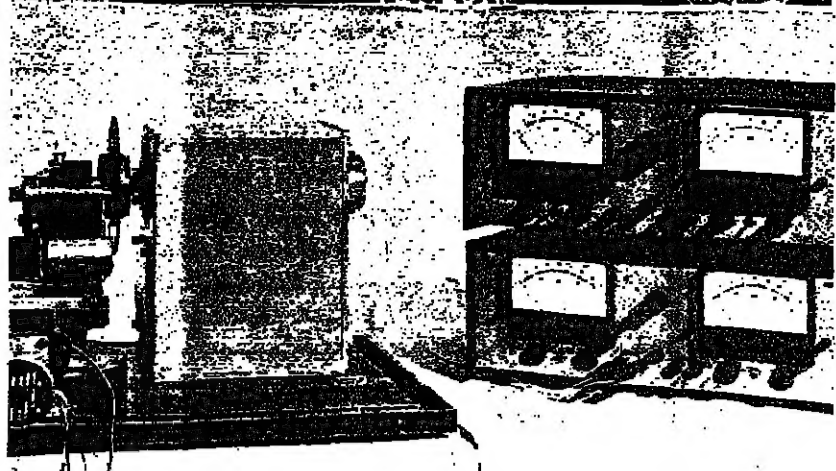
Officials said there were several reasons for the flood of money back into Lebanon. They included the dollar devaluation, a drop in foreign interest rates, strong "law and order" and "stability" policies followed by President Suleiman Franjeh since his inauguration in September, 1970, and a boom in Lebanon's economy.

To combat the situation, banks have slashed interest rates paid on deposits. The Chase Manhattan, for instance, now pays around 2½ per cent on savings which recently drew six per cent.

The banks, more than 70 of them are located in Beirut, have also begun an unprecedented drive to find new investment opportunities.

One bank manager admitted, "we have a very serious problem on our

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On the estimates presented today by the people who should know best and are certainly not pessimists, a price of \$60 for a troy ounce of gold seems very high, barring unforeseen developments, such as the doubling of the official price of gold, which some people still advocate, but which seems most improbable.

# Japan and Israel can be ideal business partners

By DAVID KEVINE  
Jerusalem Post Economic Reporter

ISRAEL'S industry has an astonishing technological and innovative capacity — but it has little idea what to do with the end-product. This is the conclusion reached by an eight-man team from the Young Presidents Organization, who have just completed an advisory mission in Israel, under the aegis of the U.N.'s Industrial Development Organization.

Speaking to The Jerusalem Post before their departure last week, Mr. Brian Wolfson, an English member of the group, made his points with the forcefulness of a young man (under 40) in a top job — these two virtues being the combination which qualifies for membership in YPO.

activity? Here is another, related shortcoming. Able individuals are not lacking, but they waste their time toying with useless products. "Take washing machines. I do not believe you can't buy them cheaper in Italy, where mass-production plants just spit them off a moving belt." Or motor cars, or telephones.

Robert Rosen, an American, chips in. He makes electronic security systems and visited plants doing the same in Israel. "I saw a chap working on a device that he had thought up and is busy developing. I asked why he is doing that. He says because it is a new idea. I show him seven examples of his allegedly new idea in a catalogue — all of them better installations than the one that consumes his energies."

factories. In 60 per cent of the cases, they were agreeably surprised by the level of technological sophistication.

This led Mr. Wolfson to declare: "There is a natural partnership that must be taken up in the economic field between two countries whose qualities and shortcomings complement each other remarkably. They are Israel and Japan."

He has spent many years in Japan, and states: "The Japanese have superb facilities for production and marketing. They have tremendous good sense, and a lot of know-how. If there is a weakness, it is precisely in the area where Israel is so strong: innovation.

Israel firms do not bother to find out what is going on in the world, who makes what. They develop components without exploring exactly what the market needs. It's the market that should dictate what they manufacture, not the other way round. To make a refined product and then seek a commercial outlet is putting the cart before the horse. "Israel needs a marketing institute, to gather detailed reference material about industrial activity the world over," Mr. Wolfson says.

Our interview took place in the office of Mr. J.P. B. Ross, Resident Representative of the U.N. in Israel. It was agreed among us that science-based industries are right for Israel. The YPO team are particularly impressed by the electronics companies. They make "way-out things," like a spectrometer with a graph video output. Or a computer-controlled knitting machine which recognizes a six-colour mix. Or an electronic teleprinter, produced by Koor Systems. Mr. Ross recalls that Israel's first export order for an electronic device came from the technical assistance programme.

Joint ventures

"The Japanese have concentrated on a number of very specific sectors in which they have gone ahead technologically too." But generally speaking their creative or inventive ability in scientific and engineering subjects, though impressive, does not keep abreast of their progress on other business fronts.

Israel can help to plug that gap. Joint ventures between the two countries could give Israel the commercial direction, industrial frame-of-reference, and marketing outlets that it does not possess, mainly because it is too small. Israel could design sophisticated components for engineering and other articles that the Japanese can produce in large volume.

Mr. Wolfson, who is chairman of two companies, vice-chairman of a third, managing director of the Granada group and Board member of a bank, starts from the marketing end. "You manufacture an excellent product for \$15,000, ship two units to Bangkok, one to Boston, another elsewhere." He leans forward: "What about the after-sales service? It simply cannot be provided when your material is dotted over the map in that way. And servicing facilities are what makes or breaks an export product."

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Bob Rosen found another link between Israel and Japan. "They are the only two countries in which I have seen (the sought for a word) this efficiency. An Israeli wants to see me and my engagement pad is full. He says, what about 7 a.m.? Or perhaps tonight at 11 o'clock?"

### Sale or lease

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## COUNTRIES OF THE BLIND

By MAX WILDE

GENEVA (Ofns). — THE number of totally blind people in the world is estimated at between 10 million to 15 million and about the same number are visually handicapped, causing social or economic disability. At the same time, in the light of present knowledge, one-half to two-thirds of the cases of blindness could have been prevented if they had been detected and treated in time.

This is stated in a report on the Prevention of Blindness, which was one of the major subjects under consideration at the 25th World Health Assembly, which recently met in Geneva. Based on the latest statistical data gathered from 58 countries, the report emphasizes the enormous difference in the incidence of blindness in different parts of the world.

In North America and Europe, blindness rates are generally around or below 200 per 100,000 population while in less developed countries, and especially in Africa and Asia, this rate is considerably higher and reaches levels above 1,000. The lowest rate in Europe is to be found in Belgium and the Netherlands, where it is below 60, while, at the other extreme, it rises to 3,000 in Saudi Arabia, and 4,000 in the Yemen. In the U.S. the average rate is 214, but there is considerable variation as between states: in Georgia it is as low as 113.7 while in New Mexico it rises to 232.7

### Causes vary

Causes of blindness also vary widely between continents. In Africa, 27 per cent of the total number of cases are attributed to infections while less than 8 per cent are non-

infectious; in Europe, only 5 per cent are attributed to infectious causes and 56 per cent to non-infectious ones. Trachoma is the most frequent infectious cause of blindness in developing countries, while venereal disease is an important infectious cause in developed countries, particularly in South Africa and Canada and, to a lesser extent, in Norway, Rumania and the United Kingdom. Accidents, the report adds, account for almost 10 per cent of the total cases of blindness and are a frequent cause almost everywhere with the exception of most of the African countries.

Trachoma and associated infections are the major cause of blindness and eye disease in general in most developing countries. It is estimated that there are from 400 million to 500 million cases of trachoma in the world, and of these 125 million are in India. The disease is still endemic in most of North Africa and the Middle East, and in parts of Asia, West and East Africa, and Latin America. Both its incidence and the degree of severity of the disease are clearly related to social and economic factors and to standards of living and hygiene.

The report adds that in countries where virtually whole populations are afflicted with trachoma and similar infections often more than 1 per cent of adults are totally blind, more than 4 per cent are "economically blind" (i.e. unable to perform any useful work for which sight is essential), more than 10 per cent have serious impairment of vision, and a much higher percentage have lesser visual defects.

## Water problems not confined to thirsty countries

EVERY time a parched citizen of Windhoek, South West Africa, gulps down a glass of water, a pleased smile glows on the face of Dr. Gerald J. Stander, President of the International Conference on Water Pollution Research, opening in Jerusalem today. For Dr. Stander had been arguing all his life that it was possible, at a reasonable cost, to turn sewage effluent into good drinking water, and in Windhoek in 1969 he and his team proved that it could be done.

There is a twofold aim in attacking sewage, says Dr. Stander: to prevent pollution being carried into rivers, lakes, the sea and the groundwater, and to recover water for re-use by the men who contaminated it. Various means are used to extract the pollutants, and many countries, including Israel, have managed to get their effluent to a stage where the water can be re-used for agriculture and industry. But the ultimate aim — water that can be drunk again — has long been a pot of gold at the end of the rainbow.

One of the troubles is that green algae, a potent ally of man in getting rid of some pollutants, linger on, like some allies do after wars, and themselves make water undrinkable. Dr. Stander is Vice-Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of the Water Research Commission of South Africa; for 22 years he was Director of the National Institute of Water Research. In the late 'sixties a member of his team discovered a new way of treating water, that had already been processed, which finally got rid of all algae, micro-organisms, the lot.

The population of Windhoek, in a very arid region of South West Africa, had jumped from 30,000 to 80,000 in 15 years, as a result of mining and industrial development. But minerals cannot quench thirst. One expensive possibility was to carry water a long distance by pipe. The other was to try out the new discovery. This proved to be far cheaper, and was installed, with great success.

A similar process was used in the paper mills at Springs, near Johannesburg, which needed six million gallons of water a day. At one time it seemed that the huge and arid factory would have to move in search of larger supplies of water than the town could provide. The new process enabled it to take up all the sewage of Springs, refine it, re-use it, and incidentally to save R2,500 a day.

Dr. Stander speaks about the best utilization of water with a passion that Israelis will understand: South Africa is almost as thirsty a land as Israel, although many areas have a higher rainfall

and there are some rivers. He knows, as do Israeli water engineers, that the good days of water, water everywhere are getting qualified by the rider that not every drop is fit to drink, and he is fighting hard to change water usage patterns in his country.

Eighty per cent of the water goes to farmers, who produce 15 per cent of the food and less than 5 per cent of the Gross National Product. He hopes to bring down agricultural demand to 45 per cent. His present post, a new one created by his Government as a result of his urging, will give him considerable power to enforce his dream of water being put to the most beneficial use.

GREAT Britain is not a thirsty country like Israel or South Africa, says Dr. Samuel Jenkins, of Birmingham, the programme chairman of the conference. "But we have water problems which may be much more serious — we have 850 people to the square mile, and a concentration of industries at the heads of very small rivers. Enormous quantities of water are consumed and polluted by these populations and industries. Because of the Industrial Revolution, we were the first to get these population densities, and we were the first to start polluting. I like to think that we were among the first to realize how serious the pollution problem was, and to do something about it."

England has used many techniques to intercept and treat effluent and industrial waste water. One of the difficulties encountered in enforcing anti-pollution measures is that a multiplicity of different authorities were involved; now, by act of Parliament, all these bodies will be merged as from April, 1974, and the overall authority will work through ten regional control boards, which will enforce standards in their areas. "We have to draw on polluted rivers for future water supplies, so we have to cut down pollution: to do this, we need powerful bodies using all the forces of the law."

A new element in water pollution is pollution of the sea by oil and chemicals. An Orthodox Jew born in Manchester and a leader of the Birmingham J.P.A., Mr. Jenkins is horrified to learn that Israel seems to be indifferent to the fate of the sea and the sands, as long as we can turn a quick buck by selling oil. "It would be a disaster if your beaches are ruined," he says. "In February this year, nine nations got together at Oslo and came to an agreement to protect the seas from industrial and toxic wastes from ships disposing of materials likely to damage the sea, its animals and its plants."

A biochemist, he got on to pollution by starting to work on micro-organisms in agriculture. His son, David, also a biochemist and now at Berkeley University, took the same road, and is also a participant in the conference.

He points out that Great Britain created a Ministry of Environment to cope with the threats to life posed by pollution, and suggests that Israel might be well advised to do the same. PHILIP GILLOV

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## 'Natural' black golfer beats odds in S. Africa

By BRIAN HOWARD EAST LONDON, South Africa. (Gemini)

NO one had ever heard of golfer Ronald Ngaka until this year's South African Amateur championships. Now everyone knows him as the black caddy who beat a Springbok — a member of the South African national golf team.

Ngaka, 26, is a natural — which is just as well. Although he plays off a tee, he is a golfer without a club to keep up his enthusiasm, without a course to sharpen his

game, and without a set of his own clubs.

These are disadvantages black golfers face in South Africa. Courses are strictly segregated by players in terms of the country's apartheid policy, and those for blacks are few and far between.

Caddying is about as close as he can get in East London, his home town, to the game that is the passion of Ngaka's life. He spends every day at the course and sometimes carries the bag around twice, but until the tournament, which was held in East London, he had not played a round himself in more than a year.

The nearest black "course" is a track laid out in the bare veld 140 miles away. The greens are 12-foot patches of dust scraped north of the rough, wild tufts that are fairways.

In the past, non-whites could only dream about playing in the all-white Amateur. This year, however, in accordance with Premier John Vorster's new sports policy — brought about by boycotts of South Africans in world sports arenas — the 1973 tournament was declared a so-called "open" or multi-racial event.

That is how Ngaka and nine other non-whites came to be in the field of 110.

But for him the toughest going in the company of the country's top amateurs was not out on the course, it was being called "Mr." in the clubhouse. As he said in an interview: "A couple of days ago I was carrying the bag as a caddy. Now as a player they call me 'Mr.' I just can't get used to it."

Many non-whites are, understandably not psychologically equipped for the tensions of top-line golf, but Ngaka played like a veteran, excelling himself first as the only non-white to reach the match-play stages of the tournament, then — in a brilliant display of sub-par golf — as conqueror of Johann Murray, a current member of the five-man national Springbok team.

He was finally eliminated in the quarter finals by another Springbok, Kevin Suddards, and at midnight on the closing day of the tournament found himself, like Cinderella, out in the cold again.

But the trail he blazed was both a measure of how far South Africa has come along the road of multi-racial sport and how much hypocrisy there still remains.

Most encouraging was the unconscious demonstration of goodwill that exists between white and non-white in spite of the volumes of discriminatory legislation on the statute book.

Spectators of all shades rubbed shoulders as though they had been doing so for years, applauding good golf rather than individual players. This goodwill confounded the fears of the Minister of Sport, Frank Waring, that multi-racial competition would lead to partisan behaviour and ugly incidents.

The half dozen open events staged in South Africa so far have opened the eyes of many whites to the frustrated talents and deprivations non-whites suffer and consciences have been pricked.

They are now responding. Members of the whites-only East London Golf Club have started a fund to buy Ngaka his own clubs.

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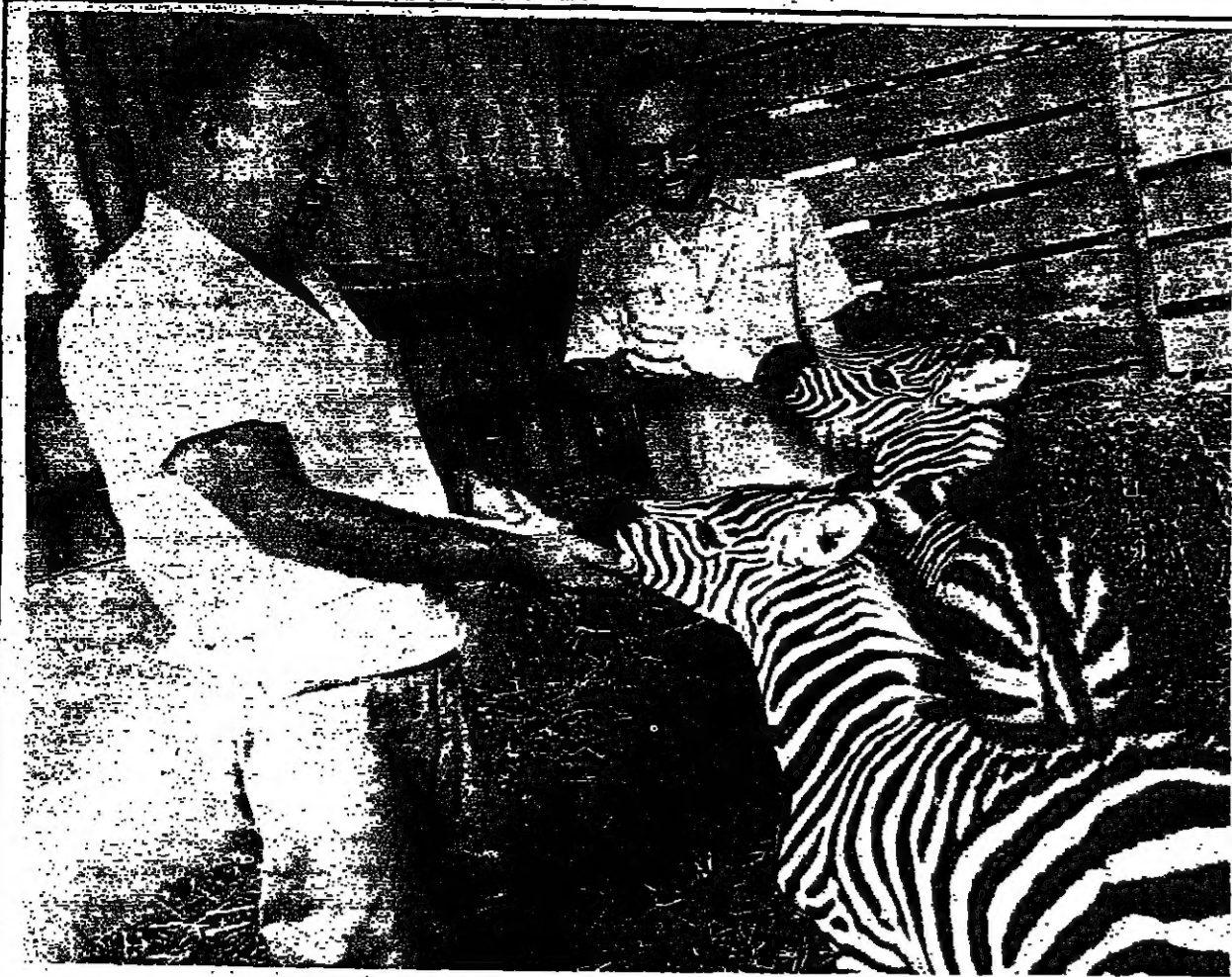
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CHOW LINE — Ramat Gan mayor Yisrael Peled, and national park manager Zvi Kirmeir feed milk to twin baby zebras born recently at the Ramat Gan National Park Zoo. The hungry youngsters don't have this kind of service for their five daily meals.

### Foreign aid effort exhibition opens

Special to The Jerusalem Post  
A mobile exhibition on aid to developing countries during the past decade opened at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem yesterday.  
The exhibition includes large photographs of foreign students during their theoretical and practical studies in Israel, and Israeli experts at work abroad in activities ranging from water research schemes to youth pioneering programmes. In addition, there will be a display of models of projects executed by Israeli experts abroad, like the City Hall in Lagos, Nigeria. Handicrafts by foreign students from developing countries studying in Israel, made as teaching aids, will be on show as an indication of the kind of work the trainees are doing.  
The exhibition — named "People to People" — is sponsored by the Foreign Ministry jointly with Israeli institutions of higher learning. After a week in Jerusalem, it will move to other campuses.  
Israel's international cooperation programme began formally in 1958 with the assignment of groups of experts to Burma and Ghana, and the initiation of the first training courses in Israel. Since then, Israel, in cooperation with U.N. specialized agencies and other international organizations, has carried out cooperation programmes with some 80 developing countries.  
More than 15,000 men and women from developing countries have come to Israel for training, and about 4,500 Israeli experts have gone abroad to work with the people of the developing world on improving their conditions of life. In addition,

### Jewish life dying out in Poland

Jerusalem Post Reporter  
TEL AVIV. — Jewish life in Poland is all but dead, Mr. Yosef Klarman, head of Youth Aliya, said here on Friday. He was addressing a news conference at which he described a recent visit to Warsaw where he attended a conference of an international children's welfare organization.  
According to Mr. Klarman's estimate, some 6,000 Jews still remain in Poland. Some of them are linked to the "Kulturfarband," a Polish version of the Russian "Yevsekzia," whose avowed aim is to squish the links of the Jews with their national heritage.  
Another group of Jews is still clinging to the 16 semi-official "holy communities" of Poland. Headed by an engineer, Mr. Yitshak Freinkel, the communities maintain 10 kosher eating places. But there is no rabbi in Poland, though there are ritual slaughterers and synagogue cantors.  
In Warsaw, Mr. Klarman said, only one place of prayer remains open, the Nozhik synagogue. "There were 13 persons there when I visited it on a Saturday."

### LARGE-FAMILY BENEFITS URGED

HAIFA. — A proposed bill for benefits to large families, drafted by Bar-Ilan University's Law Faculty chairman Prof. Ya'acov Ne'eman, is now to be examined by a team of experts.  
This was announced on Friday by Mr. Avraham Damino, a member of the Haifa City Council and a leading figure in the "Zahavi" organization for encouraging large families.  
The bill would replace the present grants to large families with a system of rights and benefits, including tax exemptions, free education through college, free admission to various cultural institutions and events, and housing privileges.

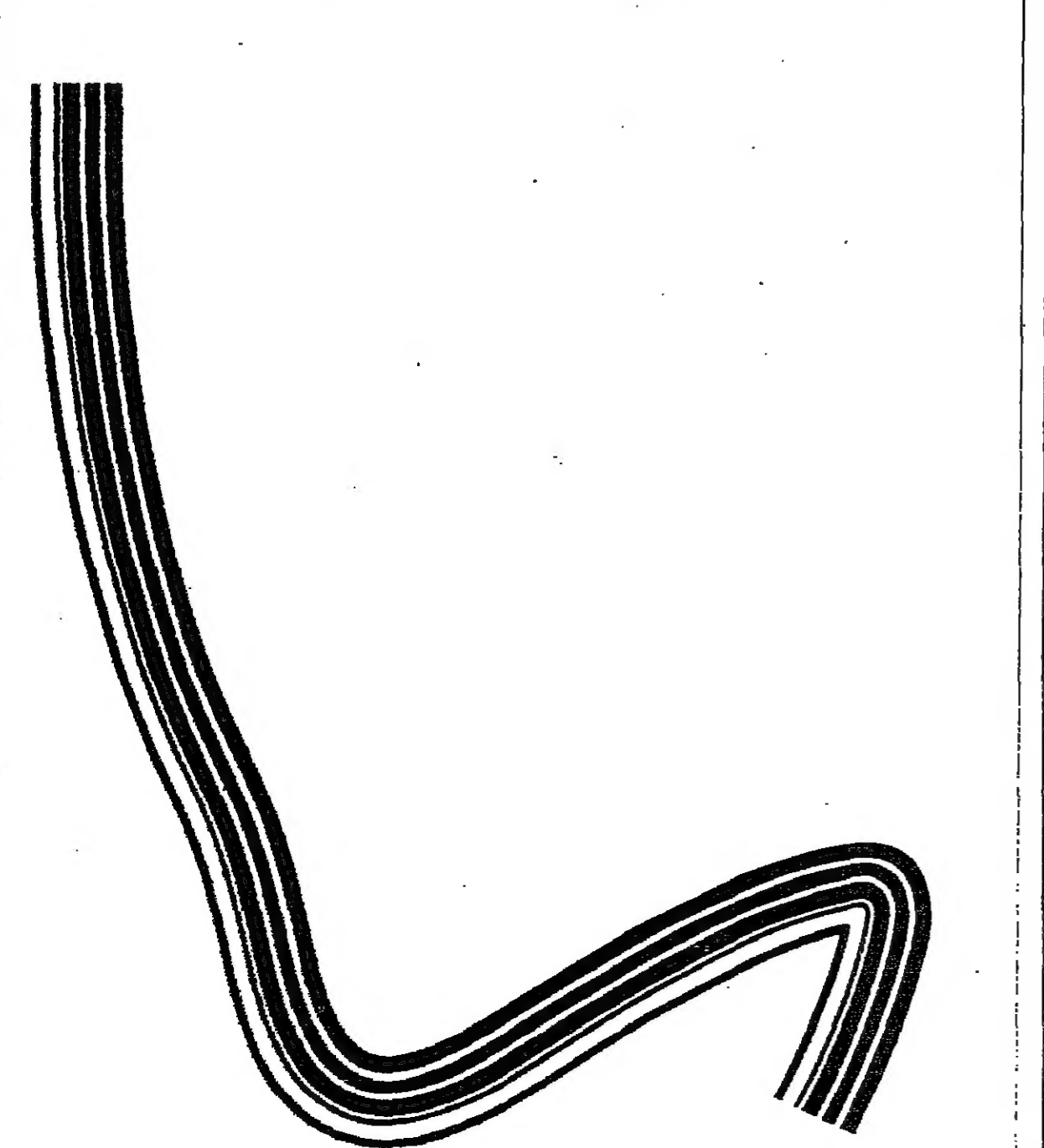
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## Readers' letters

### UNIVERSITY FEES

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post  
Sir, — I have just read the articles in your paper dealing with the enormous rise in University fees which has been proposed.  
The average Israeli has an income of less than IL12,000 a year. In relationship to this income, the amount to be spent for one member of the family at University is absolutely out of proportion — particularly if there is another child at home for whom the high school fee is another IL4,000 (or more) a year.  
Anyone who is concerned with Israel's future must know that it depends entirely on the high educational level of its future citizens, since we shall never be able to make up in numbers to withstand the "neighbourly" pressures. With all due respect to the invaluable importance of the ties between Israel and the Diaspora and to Israel as centre of Jewish learning, I shall maintain that the very survival of Israel increases with the young Israelis who are its future engineers, doctors, scientists, educators as well as soldiers and officers.  
May I therefore suggest that American students who come to Israel (and many of them come for just a year or two) make up the difference in the payment of fees necessary to maintain Israel's institutions of higher learning, and let the young Israeli pay a fee that is within his reach. There is no doubt that parents of American students who are coming to Israel are in a position to pay these fees, as they are lower than those prevailing in most American universities. After all, young Americans without any means can always study at state universities where tuition is free. You may soon be faced with a situation where the best Israeli elements will be searching for universities abroad if, after the hardship of army service, they must not only compete for admission to Israeli universities with young, care-free Americans, but must also bear the brunt of the financial burden. For many young Israelis this increased expenditure will shut the doors of higher education forever.  
MRS. I. MEIR SEGALS  
Tel Aviv (Montreal), June 8.

### PARTIAL SOLUTION FOR UNIVERSITY FINANCIAL CRISIS

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post  
Sir, — While Dr. Guinat's concern for the high financial needs of expanding university programmes can be clearly understood (June 4), his prescription for use of the university in Israel's economy by gearing programmes predominantly to applied use is short-sighted. His idea would give a high vocational training cast to the university, rather than encourage the spirit of free inquiry which is the university's main domain and contribution to society. If Israel is to exercise leadership in its attack on problems of society, economically, culturally and spiritually, it must draw on a foundation of creative ideas which can only come from free research in a free university.  
However, it is in the nature of the student body where economies must be scrutinized and effected. While education for the young man or woman is important in itself, those seeking cultural development only can perhaps be diverted to two-year colleges, or to separate types of schools which do not need the laboratories and equipment of advanced science.  
LORETTA GOLDBERG  
Ramat Gan, June 4.

### WORK ACCIDENT VICTIMS

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post  
Sir, — I read with great interest Mr. Noy's letter (May 9) to the effect that the National Insurance Institute, with all its resources and experience, will undertake the medical and vocational rehabilitation of traffic accident victims.  
Does Mr. Noy know that a victim receives his rights only after the National Insurance Institute has decided that he is a permanent invalid? I am a traffic accident victim, recognized by this Institute as a work accident, and since December 1970, I only receive temporary disability of 30 per cent. After my accident, I was dismissed from my job and when I went to the National Insurance Institute, I was told they could do nothing for me as long as I was only temporarily disabled. Today, 16½ months after that, I am still considered temporarily disabled, and I receive from the Institute, with 30 per cent disability, 23.5 per cent of my last gross wages.  
I had some luck as I found temporary work six months after my accident, but that does not help me to rehabilitate myself to my previous standard.  
D. MISHORI  
Sur Shalom, May 9.

### SUGGESTION ACCEPTED AFTER 22 YEARS

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post  
Sir, — Twenty-two years ago, the Red-Green "honour system," only now introduced at Lod Airport (May 29), was suggested to the Treasury and Customs. It was in October 1950 that I travelled on the El Al inaugural flight to Johannesburg and saw this system operating at the airport. I noted in my diary: "Very efficient customs system, which we should follow." On returning home, I proposed its adoption. It was not seriously considered (as if South Africans knew better than we do! was the spirit).  
Many ideas useful and efficient for the government machine have, I am afraid, been treated with similar nonchalance. I therefore suggest a special "suggestion desk" be set up at the State Comptroller's office to which all ideas and suggestions should be channelled, rather than to a particular government office. There, I am sure, the idea would receive objective consideration and follow-up to its journey's end.  
FORMER CIVIL SERVANT  
(Name and address supplied)  
Haifa, May 29.

### JERUSALEM'S 'SEX BOUTIQUE'

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post  
Sir, — Not only the so-called ultra-Orthodox deplore the opening of a "sex boutique" in Jerusalem. All those who regard Jerusalem as something very special will agree with Rabbi Amram Blau in mourning the befoulment of our Holy City. Jews have longed, prayed and fought for Jerusalem. Is it to defile it that we now have the whole city?  
The ultra-Orthodox are more visible because they have the guts to protest aloud, while we, sophisticated non-ultras, sit at home and quietly disapprove. After all, it is impolite to shout.  
DE. JOSEPH FEETIG  
Haifa, June 9.

### PEN FRIENDS

THEO KATZEF (29), of 13 Helderberg Rd., Somerset West, Cape Town, South Africa, is doing his third year of medicine and would like to correspond with an Israeli medical student.  
WILLIAM B. THORNE of 6 Hornsey Lane, Gardens, Hitchgate, London N. 6, would like to correspond with Israelis in order to exchange stamps.  
LEO BOFFA of 184 Knight Street, Providence, R.I. 02909, would like to correspond with Israelis in order to get stamps from our country.  
JULIA ALBRECHT (23), of 1 Dieselstrasse, 8050 Offenbach am Main, Western Germany, is studying classical philology and would like to correspond with Israelis in English, German or French.  
MELISSA JACOBS of 16 Longford Court, Uxbridge Rd., Southall, Middx., England, would like to correspond with a university student approximately 24 years old.  
JANE BENGTSOON (33), of Alybergsgatan 27, 431 31 Jolundal, Sweden, would like to correspond with Israeli women. He is very interested in literature.

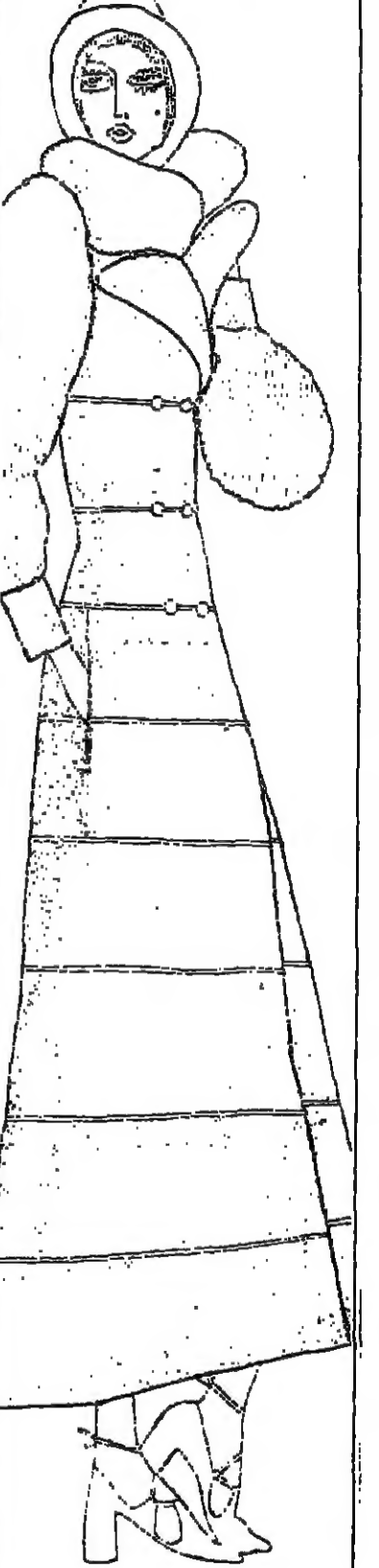
### COURAGEOUS POLICY

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post  
Sir, — In these times when violence is the answer to openmindedness, it takes courage to express publicly an opinion in favour of civic freedom. To have dared to publish Asher Wallfish's article on the magazine issue (June 11) shows how independent your paper is, unafraid of a possible reaction from the part of the two Establishments which guide our country in a hybrid alliance: the Labour Party and its Orthodox coalition partners.  
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# New Volunteer Centre under Meir's auspices

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Israel Volunteer Centre was launched at the Knesset last night under the patronage of Premier Golda Meir. The Centre, headed by former Ambassador to Denmark, Mrs. Esther Herzlitz, will act as a "matchmaker" between the various volunteer groups in the country, and the segments of the population which need help.

Addressing the meeting of some 250 people, Premier Meir said that no matter how good the government was, or how efficient its organs were, volunteer organizations were essential to provide that extra bit of warmth and understanding which is a civil servant can not provide. It is a sorry state of affairs, she said, when a Russian immigrant reaches Israel in the heat of a *homonin* from the Soviet winter, and complains that "it's cold here."

The Volunteer Centre was established at the recommendation of the special committee set up to examine youth problems in Israel. Mrs. Herzlitz was approached by Mrs. Meir about two months ago, and has since set up a small office with an equally small budget to centralize activities.

The new centre will not be a roof organization for existing voluntary organizations, but will be able to provide extra help and coordinate activities where needed. A case in point is where a youth organization operating in a development town needs professional guidance in order to get children off the streets and into school. In such a case the Centre would be able to mobilize an educator or psychiatrist to deal with the child.

Mrs. Herzlitz told the meeting

that she had always been active in the field of foreign affairs, but since her return to Israel from Copenhagen she had felt an increasing need to work for internal social goals such as the closing of the social gap and the absorption of new immigrants. Starting July 1, the Centre will set up Volunteer Exchanges in Tel Aviv and Jerusalem in order to mobilize more people, and the army will offer assistance in areas where civilian help is limited.

The meeting was also addressed by Dr. Israel Katz, head of the National Insurance Institute who headed the committee on problem youth, and by members of four volunteer organizations in the country. After listening to the four volunteers Mrs. Meir said that she was "encouraged." She noted that the wave of criticism which has hit the country of late has led to the impression that we are living in a "rotten society," and warned that such an atmosphere was dangerous.

"One of the greatest dangers facing us," she said, "is when one group of the population who have not been able to attain the material standards enjoyed by another, begin to blame the group for their woes." The most important thing, she concluded, is for the volunteers to help people to help themselves.

**FEDERMAN DONATION**

TEL AVIV. — The Federman family, which controls several of the big hotels, has donated IL500,000 to the voluntary fund for the absorption of new immigrants. The donation brings to IL35m. the total receipts of the fund in the first six months of its existence.

# Japanese here for pollution conference

Jerusalem Post Staff

**LOD AIRPORT.** — A group of 50 Japanese engineers and scientists arrived by Air France from Tokyo yesterday, for the Sixth International Conference on Water Pollution Research, which opens today in Jerusalem.

A second group of about 50 more scientists from Japan is due today. According to Dr. Gedalya Shelef, chairman of the Conference's organizing committee, the Japanese are showing great interest in the Conference, since the water pollution problems in Japan are similar to those faced by Israel.

The Conference will provide simultaneous translation into Japanese by three interpreters, two of them Japanese students studying here.

The Conference opens this morning at 10 a.m. at Binyanei Ha'Ooma in Jerusalem, with 1,000 delegates from 37 countries participating. The delegates are to be welcomed on behalf of the Government by Mr. Yigael Alon, the Deputy Prime Minister, and keynote addresses will be given by Dr. Gerald J. Stander, of South Africa, the President of the International Association, and Professor Hillel I. Shoval, of the Hebrew University, the Conference President. Dr. Abel Wolman, of Johns Hopkins University, who was to receive a citation, is unable to be present, as he underwent an urgent operation.

Tonight at 8:30 p.m. an illustrated lecture on "Water Supply to Besieged Cities in the Times of Solomon and Ahab" will be given by Prof. Yigael Yadin.

# Gaza terrorists get life for 13 slayings

Jerusalem Post Reporter

**GAZA.** — Two Gaza terrorists, one of them a 16-year-old youth whose underground code name was "Hider" — were sentenced to life imprisonment by a military tribunal here yesterday for murdering 13 Arabs who they suspected of cooperating with the Israelis.

The two are Mahmoud Abed Abdel Zidan, 24, and Abdul Razek Mahmoud Abu Al'wa, 16. They gave themselves up voluntarily last March because, they said, Israeli security forces were closing in on them, and they had heard Israel treated terrorists who surrendered humanely.

Zidan killed six Arabs and Al'wa seven between March 1971 and March 1972, the court was told. All were executed for "collaborating with the occupation authorities."

Both men pleaded guilty and asked for clemency.

But the president of the court, Seren Yoram Galin, said: "Their crimes were so horrible that the fact that they surrendered cannot be considered a mitigating circumstance." He said he regretted he was barred from passing a death sentence.

# Output, income rise in 'areas'

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Agricultural output in the administered areas during 1970/71 totalled IL334m., an increase of 25 per cent over the previous year, the Central Bureau of Statistics reported yesterday. Income from agriculture came to IL24m., or 22 per cent of the Israel figure.

Judea and Samaria's farms accounted for 68 per cent of the area's production, with the rest grown in northern Sinai and the Gaza Strip. According to the Bureau, agricultural output in Judea and Samaria has been growing at an annual rate of 10 per cent, and in northern Sinai and the Gaza Strip, at 14 per cent.

Prices for produce rose during 1970/71 by approximately 16 per cent in Judea and Samaria, and by 23 per cent in northern Sinai and the Strip. The latter figure reflects the uptrend in the price of citrus, the Gaza Strip's major crop.

# Israelis buy cheap in Gaza, sell dear

By HERBERT BEN-ADI

Jerusalem Post Reporter

**BEERSHEBA.** — Fruit and vegetable grocers in Beersheba and other Negev towns are buying up cheap produce in the Gaza market and selling it at home at profits ranging from 100 to 150 per cent.

The produce — mainly surplus tomatoes, cucumbers and plums — are sold by Israeli farmers to the Gaza market at the wholesale price of 20 to 30 agora. Retailers from the Israeli markets buy them at about 40 agora per kilo and sell them to their customers at IL1-150 per kilo.

The merchants are reaping almost clean profit since they use public transportation to haul their produce from Gaza. On a Gaza-Beersheba bus last week, this reporter counted 20 crates of fruits and vegetables in the aisle, amounting to a ton of produce. The loading and unloading of the crates causes considerable inconvenience and loss of time to the passengers.

Egged recently at old buses on the Gaza-Beersheba run, with no security netting on the windows.

# TODAY'S POSTBAG BUILDING WORKERS began 'summer time' this week, receiving an eight-hour week for a seven-hour day, in a schedule agreed upon between the Building Workers Union and the Contractors Association. In defence protests the working day remains eight hours, but the contractor will pay for a nine-hour day.

**THE PETAH TIKVA Municipality** has opened a bureau to deal with problems of residents in cooperative apartment houses. The bureau will be open daily until 1 p.m., and on Monday and Wednesday until 6 p.m.

The Oron phosphate plant whose losses now total IL5m. a year.

# Robbery in Lachish bank

ASHKELON. — Two armed robbers yesterday held up the Bank Ha-poalim branch in Nehora, centre of the Lachish Region, getting away with IL13,000.

They pulled up at the bank at 11:45 in a Fiat, later found to have been stolen in Givatayim. Two men remained in the car. Two others, masked and armed with Uzi sub-machine guns went in. While one herded the personnel and clients to a corner, the second scooped up the money from the cashier's drawer and from the safe. They also took a box containing the bank's official rubber stamps. Both men then fired several warning shots in the air and got away in the waiting car. Roadblocks and searches had failed to net suspects by last night.

(Him)

# Senior police officer to testify in Laviv trial

TEL AVIV. — Tat-Nitzav Aharon Chelouche, former head of the Police Special Investigations Division and now deputy district commander of the Southern Police District will be called as a prosecution witness in the trial of "Ezraetz" reporter Yigal Laviv. Tel Aviv District Attorney Ya'acov Kedmi, said in the District Court here yesterday.

Laviv is charged with hiring burglars to break into the home of Mr. Avraham Schechter in Tel Aviv and remove papers which allegedly contained reports on income tax evasion and foreign currency offences by the managers of the Gitor textile industries, for the purpose of extortion.

Mr. Chelouche's name came up yesterday during the testimony of Oded Salpeter, a man with a long criminal record. Salpeter, who testified previously that he had engaged the burglars at Laviv's request, said he had been detained by the police on the day the Peled commission published its report (on charges levelled by Laviv implicating Chelouche in a controversy regarding the granting of citizenship to Mr. Joe Stasher).

Salpeter said that at police headquarters he had a private talk with Tat-Nitzav Chelouche, for whom he had worked as a police informer in the years 1967-70.

He said he admitted to Mr. Chelouche his role in the stealing of the "Schechter documents." The police officer replied in the negative to his question if he was out "to get Laviv." Salpeter claimed that he was promised that "nothing would happen" to him if he told the whole truth about the affair.

Salpeter said that even while in the police lock-up he had been in contact with Laviv, providing him with information on businessmen who were sitting in jail. This information was used by Laviv in his articles exposing business corruption, the witness said.

Back-tracking somewhat on his testimony of a fortnight ago, in which he had said that he had had many dealings with Laviv, Salpeter yesterday said that nothing had actually come of them. Asked by defence counsel Ram Caspi if he had received money from Laviv, the witness replied that he had received two cheques. One was "a good cheque," which he never cashed, covering his hotel expenses, and the other, for IL670, was given to him in connection with a "criminal transaction." Salpeter refused to give further details on the second cheque, on the grounds that it might incriminate him.

In his testimony Salpeter confirmed that he had been undergoing psychiatric treatment for "a long time."

(Him)

# 'Direct' Israel-Arab talks in Cyprus

Two Hebrew University students held "direct talks" on Middle East problems with two Arab students from the American University in Beirut, at a recent meeting in Cyprus under the auspices of B.B.C. Television. The interview was carried on Israel TV's weekend newsreel.

The Israeli students, Miriam Adler Shtarschal, 25, an M.A. student in Sociology and Urban Planning, and Michael Cohen, 26, an M.A. student in Political Science, appeared on the TV programme, "Panorama," which was telecast in Britain in connection with the anniversary of the Six Day War.

Directed by B.B.C. producer Jack Saltman, the filming lasted four hours. It took place on a golf course adjoining the Hilton Hotel in Nicosia.

Returning from Cyprus, Michael Cohen reported that although the atmosphere among the four was friendly, a certain barrier between them was felt — and discussed. This, however, did not prevent the students from having dinner together in a Greek restaurant, in the company of their B.B.C. hosts.

# Bimot Theatre closing down

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — "Bimot," Mr. Ya'acov Agmon's once very successful theatrical enterprise, will close down at the end of this month after going into the red because of what Mr. Agmon termed "an audience strike." Two of Bimot's most recent productions, though praised by the critics, failed to attract the public, causing "Bimot" a loss of almost IL250,000. Mr. Agmon said that "Bimot" would continue with film making, starting with "Home Leave" starring Gila Almagor.

Bimot could be saved, he said, if the authorities abolish the entertainment tax, levied by the Municipality. In the seven years of its existence, "Bimot" paid IL1m. in entertainment tax. "Recognized" theatres, such as Habimah and the Cameri, are exempt from this tax. Moreover, Mr. Agmon said, the "recognized" theatres have their halls free, while Bimot and other productions must pay rent. The National Arts Council recently refused to recommend a state loan to Bimot, while the Education Minister has ignored Mr. Agmon's request. For an interview, the producer said, The Tel Aviv mayor, however, had promised Mr. Agmon that he would recommend to the municipal council waiver of the entertainment tax.

Among Bimot's hits were "Once There was a Hassid" and "The Sephardi Orchard."

# KALDER WINS CHESS TOURNAMENT

By ELIAHU SHAHAF

Jerusalem Post Chess Correspondent

**NETANYA.** — National Master Avraham Kalder won the Olympic qualification tournament concluded here yesterday. He will be the fifth player on Israel's national team to the Skopje Olympiad to be held in September-October, 1972. The other four are Israel champion Uzi Geller and International Masters Shimon Kagan, Yair Kratman and Yaacov Bleiman. This will be Kalder's first appearance in the national olympic chess team.

The final standings: A. Kalder 5½ points out of nine games; M. Chermak, M. Peretz and S. Friedman 5 each; I. Gelfer, D. Levy and L. Bo-

# Oron plant 'should be shut down'

Jerusalem Post Economic Reporter

The plant at Oron for upgrading phosphate rock should be shut down. This recommendation was made to the Ministerial Economic Committee yesterday by Mr. Haim Gvati, Minister of Agriculture and Development. But the economic ministers decided to appoint a committee, before finally giving up hope on the Negev enterprise.

The committee consists of four ministers, Messrs. Almogi, Kol, Hazani, Bar-Lev, and Governor of the Bank of Israel Moshe Sambar. It will examine all outstanding possibilities of saving the jobs of 220 workers.

Mr. Gvati pointed out, however, that alternative jobs are available nearby, in the perlase factory now under construction, and elsewhere, so that nobody need remain unemployed.

Meanwhile losses on the upgraded ore produced by Negev Phosphates total IL5m. a year — and the Ministry sees no reason for continuing to subsidize this lame duck.

Other operations for processing the local raw material are more successful. Negev Phosphates makes de-sulfurated phosphate rock, also granulated rock from the Makhtesh deposits — and these activities will continue, the company says.

# FOOD FIRMS CUT PRICES IN CAPITAL

By AARON SITTNER

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Prices of a number of food products in Jerusalem were cut from by five to 20 per cent yesterday. The reduced prices well remain in effect through July.

The lower prices apply to products of five major food firms — Izhar Ltd., Wine & Spirits Trade Ltd. ("Stock" beverages), Mata Food Products Company, Y. Weisberg Company (baby food) and the Sfera-Arad Food Company.

The move came at the urging of the Jerusalem Merchants' Association. Association secretary Avraham Eirabum told *The Post* yesterday there had been a steady march by packers and manufacturers recently to the Commerce and Industry Ministry to ask approval of higher prices. "Consequently, I thought the time has come for the Jerusalem consumer to be heard too. Several days ago I wrote to eight major food companies, asking whether they would cooperate in our organization's campaign for lower food prices. So far, these five companies have agreed to do so and I hope others will also respond to our appeal."

# Medical school planned by Bar-Ilan U.

Jerusalem Post Reporter

**RAMAT GAN.** — The possibility of establishing another medical school in the Dan region will be discussed by the Bar-Ilan University Board of Trustees, it was disclosed yesterday at the official opening of the board meeting.

The University has applied to the Education Ministry's Committee for Higher Learning to be allowed to open a medical school on campus. A medical school which graduates 120 doctors a year already exists at nearby Tel Aviv University. Bar-Ilan's application is still under review.

The board will also consider the financial difficulties of the university and its budget for the coming year. Asked by *The Post* why the university, given its financial plight, is planning a second medical school in a region which already has one, the University spokesman said the planning "is not for the immediate future" and that "by the time we are ready to implement it, we will have overcome our financial problems." He also discounted the claim by Tel Aviv University Rector, Prof. Shlomo Simonson, that too many medical doctors are already being turned out by the country's universities, saying that Tel Aviv too set up its medical school in the face of opposition.

The three day meeting will be chaired by University Chancellor, Rabbi Dr. Joseph H. Lookstein. Other board members have come from the U.S., Canada, Latin America, Britain and Europe.

# Early tests urged for breast cancer

Jerusalem Post Reporter

**TEL AVIV.** — New techniques for early detection of breast cancer will be introduced soon at Ichilov hospital, Tel Aviv, and Rambam Hospital in Haifa, the director-general of the Israel Cancer Association, Dov Ben-Meir, told the press here yesterday.

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# 'Lee' jeans licence to Polgat textile plant

Jerusalem Post Economic Correspondent

Polgat is adding yet another subsidiary to its textile complex in Kiryat Gat, at an investment of IL15m. Mr. Israel Pollak, Polgat's manager, told *The Jerusalem Post*. His partner is Mr. Hilo Ostfeld, of Venezuela, who is buying half ownership for \$700,000.

The licence is from the "Lee" sportswear plant in the U.S. The Israeli plant, to be called Lee-Gat, will make mainly jeans — 4,000 of them per day.

The new factory will increase the number of employees from 1,900 to 2,200, and output from IL70m. to IL100m. Polgat has two other subsidiaries — Bagir (men's suits) and Ouman (knitwear). The latter is held in equal partnership with Chilean investors.

All the rest belongs exclusively to Mr. Pollak; but he plans to "go public" next year. Polgat will register at the Stock Exchange, and its shares will be available for purchase by the public.

Polgat works more for export than for the local market. The latest order is from Marks and Spencer in England, for 3,000 blazer suits a month. Mr. Pollak pointed out to *The Post* that Israel's industry in general (apart from diamonds) exports on the average 13 per cent of its output, whereas textile manufacturers sell one-third of their abroad.

Not all textile production is economic in Israel, he admits. Selection is necessary. There is no point in competing with ICI and Dupont in the sale of synthetic yarn. But Israel can be competitive in good-quality, finished consumer articles, combining sophisticated technology and a high added value.

Polgat imports woolen tops, and does all the rest (from spinning yarn onwards) in its own plant. A man's suit selling for \$25-26 requires 1½ kilos of tops costing \$3, plus \$3 of other fittings, making \$8 of imported materials in all. Excluding fuel and depreciation of imported machinery, that makes an added value of over 75 per cent.

Mr. Pollak comes from Chile, where his family owns a textile concern larger than the one in Kiryat Gat. It was run by his three brothers — up till the accession to power of Senor Allende, Chile's Communist President.

Now the three brothers have left Chile, and are on their way to Israel. Their plant was not nationalized, partly because the factory without the terms offered (compensation paid over a 30-year period without linkage — when the dollar value of Chile's currency has dropped to one-tenth in the last two years). But the workers have taken over the business anyway, and there is nothing left for the Pollak family to do in the enterprise they had created.

# TEL AVIV STOCKS

# Slight price drop as offer exceeds demand

TEL AVIV. — More shares were offered than demanded in yesterday's opening and prices dropped slightly, with the turnover IL1,481,000 worth of shares. In the variables, while IL52,700 more shares were traded, the trend was irregular. The general index of share prices fell by 0.74 per cent to stand at 234.62.

The land and land development section was lower in both rounds. Africa IL10 losing 1 point (13,000), ILDC losing 6.5 points (58,100), Property and Building old losing 5 points and new 2½ points (71,000).

**\$3m. Ampal investment in housing projects**

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Ampal, the American investment company sponsored by the Histadrut, will invest \$3m. at 7½ per cent for 17 years for housing projects. Mr. Asher Yadin, secretary of Hevrat Ovdim, yesterday told the Histadrut Central Committee. The government is expected to invest double that sum in joint housing projects with Ampal.

Mr. Abraham Dickstein, who is stepping down as head of Ampal after 20 years in the post, was commended yesterday by Histadrut Secretary-General Yitzhak Ben-Aharon.

An Ampal subsidiary, the Israel Development Company is expected to raise between \$10m. to \$20m. to finance Hevrat Ovdim activity, Mr. Yadin reported.

# BUDGET

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Ministry. Accordingly, it could not become law on April 1, and the country is operating on an interim Budget which expires at the end of this month.

The addition of IL365m. will not entail levying any new taxes, printing any more paper or taking any loans.

On the expenditure side, the IL365m. will be distributed as follows:

- IL70m. on subsidies to farm produce, and in order to keep the prices of 12 staple food commodities down;
- IL30m. on additional export incentives;
- IL70m. to cover the devaluation differential on a \$100m. Defence Ministry surplus (for arms purchases) carried over from last year, before the devaluation;
- IL30m. to the sick funds to compensate them for higher costs — in return for a commitment not to raise member's dues;
- IL2.5m. to cover wage increases which were not foreseen in February including retroactive professional literature allowances;
- IL1.5m. for youth work, particularly in disadvantaged areas;
- IL40m. as additional loan capital via the Industrial Development Bank;
- IL35m. for development of the communications system;
- IL17m. for local authorities.

All this will be covered by real additional revenue, which was not foreseen four months ago. More money is being collected in the form of indirect taxes, the Cabinet was told. Revenue exceeded the estimates by IL58m. in the first two months of the financial year — April and May — while the June trend looks the same way — State Revenue Administration chief Moshe Neudorfer told pressmen yesterday.

Budgets Director Arnon Gafni said that the trend would probably not hold up throughout the year, as a result of the Treasury's various anti-inflationary measures. But for the time being, he told the press, indirect taxes on cars, refrigerators, real estate transactions and even tobacco were well above forecasts — so that IL365m. over the year was a reasonable revenue to expect.

Both senior Treasury officials stressed that the added IL365m. would not exercise an inflationary effect, since they held the bulk of it would either go into the Bank of Israel or be spent abroad — and not locally.

The 1972-73 draft Budget, as first tabled in February, stood at IL15,870m. The Finance Ministry already decided to add IL150m., and now the Government has decided to add IL365m., making IL16,385m. all told.

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'New Skyhawk for Israel' says U.S. aviation paper

TEL AVIV. — Israel will be receiving the latest version of the Douglas-built fighter, the A-4M Skyhawk, from November, according to the usually well-informed U.S. journal "Aviation Week." The paper estimated at between 50 and 100 the number of these planes Israel would receive. There was no comment from Israel defence establishment sources. It is believed the new Skyhawks will be armed with two 30-mm. guns, dear to Israeli pilots, instead of the 20-mm. guns with which the Skyhawk was originally fitted. It is also understood that the craft's electronic equipment enables the gunner to employ air-to-air missiles at 40,000 feet and more, making the Skyhawk capable of engaging Mig 23s. The engine is believed to be the standard Pratt and Whitney J52-P-100 turbo jet, which may, however, have benefited from an improvement suggestion by an Israeli aircraft engineer who had recently received a prize from the Ministry of Defence for his idea.

No date for Rabin's return

Jerusalem Post Reporter
The Foreign Ministry spokesman last night dismissed press reports suggesting that Israel's Ambassador to the U.S., Yitzhak Rabin, may wind up his tour of duty earlier than scheduled. The spokesman said that all the reports referring to the time of Mr. Rabin's return were "without foundation." "No date has been set for the termination of Mr. Rabin's tour of duty in the U.S. and it goes without saying therefore that no replacement has been named."



Some of the shanties at the Givat Amal shanty quarter in Tel Aviv. In the background can be seen one of the area's new high-rise apartment buildings.

Shum dwellers will fight eviction

By SARAH HONIG
Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. — Residents of one of North Tel Aviv's last remaining slums, Givat Amal, say they will physically oppose any attempt by police to evict three of the neighborhood's families. The eviction is planned for the beginning of July, the head of the local residents' organization, Mr. Elimelech Ron, told the press yesterday.

Two Czechs here for Rakah meet

LOD AIRPORT. — A delegation from Czechoslovakia's Communist Party — the first Czech delegation to come here since the Six Day War — arrived last night to attend the Rakah national convention. The delegation consists of Mr. Euzen Erban and Mr. Waslaw Yerm, members of the Party's Central Committee. The two told the press here that their party supports U.N. Security Council resolution 242, and identifies itself with the platform of Rakah in Israel.

Fire at Haifa Refineries

Jerusalem Post Reporter
HAIFA. — A worker at the Haifa Oil Refineries suffered slight burns yesterday morning after a fire broke out due to a leak in a high temperature fuel pipe running 15 metres above ground level. Refinery workers put out the blaze within 20 minutes, a management spokesman told The Jerusalem Post. Damage to the plant was not serious, he said. Because of the height of the pipe, it will take several days to repair the damage, the spokesman said. But he said production would not be affected since the fire occurred in an auxiliary plant.

ARRIVALS

Major General Daniel Adlo, the Agriculture Minister of Ghana, for a week's visit as the guest of the Government, and a week's private visit to Haifa. Mr. and Mrs. Samuel M. Bernstein of Chicago; Mr. and Mrs. Ruben P. Kishinev of Los Angeles; Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Spertus, of Chicago; Mr. and Mrs. Joseph W. Winkler of Chicago; Mr. and Mrs. Marco Miral of Bloomington; Mr. and Mrs. Nate Sherman of Chicago; Mr. and Mrs. L. Lou Harris of Chicago; Mr. and Mrs. Joseph L. Los Angeles and Mr. Stephen Rosenfeld, director of public relations at the American Teshuvah Society, to attend the annual meeting of the Tel Aviv Board of Governors, which will open next week.

ISRAEL-GERMANY TAX AGREEMENT

An Israel-German memorandum of agreement on the elimination of double taxation has been signed in Bonn, the State Revenue Administration announced yesterday. Retrospective to 1970, the agreement is an amendment to the existing double taxation treaty, and will provide mutual investment and trade between the two countries, the Administration said.

DEPARTURES

Major General Elio Silin, Chief of Staff of the U.N. Cease-Fire Commission, to Finland, for home leave.



Defence Minister Moshe Dayan addressing Hebrew University graduation ceremony yesterday. At left, University President Abraham Harman.

DAYAN AT HEBREW UNIVERSITY Mutual life with Arabs in territories 'constructive solution'

Jerusalem Post Reporter
1966 to more than 30 per cent in 1971. Mr. Dayan said Arab hostility had not decreased in spite of Israel's victories, or the compromises and concessions made or suggested by Israel. This intransigence had resulted in Israel's possession of the Golan Heights and Sharm el-Sheikh, in Arab terrorism, and in Soviet involvement in our area. He cited Lebanon, noting that although Israel had no territorial disputes with that country, Lebanon continued to serve as a centre of Arab hostility, and her people engage in it even though they often are unhappy about the price they have to pay.

Rabbis said boycotting election

Jerusalem Post Reporter
The Preparatory Committee for the Chief Rabbinate Elections held its first meeting at the Hechal Shlomo yesterday amid reports of a threatened "boycott" of the elections by some of the country's rabbis. These rabbis believe that the Preparatory Committee is "rigged," with all its members supporting Rabbis Nissim and Goren and none in favour of Rabbi Uterman. Rabbis and dayanim comprise over half of the Electoral College.

The members of the Committee are: Rabbis Aron Katz, Mordechai Eliahu and Yehuda Shulman, and Mr. Aron Uzzan. They unanimously picked Uterman Labour M.K. Mordechai Surkiss as their Chairman. Mr. Surkiss told the opening meeting that he hoped the Committee's work would proceed smoothly and the elections would be held on time (before August 11).

Wall evacuees still waiting for repairs

By ABRAHAM RABINOVICH
Jerusalem Post Reporter
The six Arab families evacuated from their apartments next to the Kotel Hakatan (north of the Western Wall) three and a half months ago are still waiting in rented quarters for the promised repair work on their houses to begin. The families, comprising 23 persons, had agreed to leave their two damaged houses only after receiving a promise in writing from Mayor Teddy Kolek that they would be permitted to return after repairs were completed. Mr. Kolek provided the letter after a commitment that that week by the then Justice Minister, Ya'acov Shimshon Shapiro, who headed the Ministerial Committee on Jerusalem.

T.A. pupils complain religious coalition blocks Friday parties

Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. — Representatives of the Tel Aviv high school pupils general council last week complained to Mayor Yehoshua Rabinowitz that they cannot hold any Friday-night parties at municipal high schools, due to the City's coalition agreements with the religious parties. The pupils say that such gatherings are vetoed by the religious City councilmen and that, as a result, they must crowd into the few private high schools throughout the town.

Stiff sentence to author for causing road death

NETANYA. — Dr. Michael Bar Zohar, the writer and journalist, was convicted yesterday of causing a death in a road accident, and was sentenced to six months in prison. The court also ordered his licence suspended for 10 years, fined him IL5,000 and gave him an additional six months' suspended sentence. Traffic Court Judge Zvi Liberman agreed to postpone implementation of the prison sentence pending appeal, but insisted on immediate revocation of licence and payment of the fine.

Illegal pedlars driven from T.A. bus terminal

Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. — Municipal inspectors clashed with pedlars at the Central Bus Terminal here on Saturday night in a raid aimed at eliminating illegal peddling on the sidewalks. The inspectors confiscated some of the wares, and ordered the vendors to leave the area. Police reinforcements were called in when some of the pedlars resisted attempts to evict them. Peddling at the Central Bus Terminal has reached such proportions that pedestrians are often forced to walk in the middle of busy roads, as the sidewalks are all taken up by pushcarts and displays of goods on the pavement.

WOMAN KILLED ON ROAD

TEL AVIV. — A Jaffa woman was killed on the coastal road on Saturday night, when a car hit the motorcycle on which she was riding pillion. Mrs. Brurya Reamy, 25, of Sderot Yerushalayim in Jaffa, was killed instantaneously, and her husband, Zohar, 29, was hospitalized with injuries. The accident occurred near the Tel Aviv Country Club. (Times)

Pro or amateur: it's up to Football Ass'n

Education and Culture Minister Yigal Alon will leave it up to the Israel Football Association to decide whether the sport in Israel should remain amateur or turn professional. Announcing this yesterday, Mr. Alon said he does not propose, by means of legislation, either to prevent professional sports or to impose amateur sports. The Minister further said he decided to accept "in principle" the recommendation made by the committee headed by Sports Commissioner Yairi Oren to issue new regulations governing amateur sports, which will provide compensation to athletes for time devoted to games and practice. A law governing sports, to be drafted in the course of this year, will define, in addition to the amateur regulations, the authority for supervision of sportsmanship behaviour, which will bind all amateur sports associations. The Football Association or any other body to be engaged in engaging in professional sports, will be able to do an under the law — but at their own expense, like any other business venture.

PRISONERS

Four prisoners died and 12 were wounded when police opened fire during a riot at Kajaypur Jail, south-west of Lahore, Pakistan, on Saturday night, an official Pakistan statement said yesterday.

Cabinet and I.L.P.

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excluded, he said, noting that the I.L.P. had already consulted legal experts who agreed it did not constitute a breach of the status quo. (Under the Transition Law, once the Cabinet has defined a Knesset matter as involving Coalition responsibility, and a party or its Minister disavows the Cabinet ruling, the Cabinet has seven days in which it may formally decide that the party involved has breached the Coalition agreement, whereupon the Minister is considered as having resigned.) Before the Cabinet convened yesterday morning, the I.L.P. sent a top-flight delegation to see Premier Meir, at her invitation. (A few days earlier, the I.L.P. had grumbled in the House that they had been trying to see Mrs. Meir for over two months, but she was putting them off.) Former Justice Minister Pinhas Rosen, now honorary life president of the party, was the senior figure in the I.L.P. team, which was headed by Minister Kol, faction chief Gideon Hausner, the other three M.K.s and the party secretary, Mrs. Meir was backed by Coalition Whip Moshe Saran and senior officials. Mr. Rosen pointed out at the 45-minute meeting that several precedents existed of private bills being tabled without breaching Coalition agreements — as he claimed Mr. Hausner did not. Mr. Kol said that the status quo had shifted markedly in favour of the N.R.P. over the years, in "Who's a Jew?" legislation, and in matters affecting the Chief Rabbinate and the Dayanim — religious court judges. After the talk, Mr. Hausner told pressmen that "no cause exists for a coalition crisis." Mr. Saran declared that the Alignment Knesset faction would have to convene if the bill were tabled notwithstanding. I.L.P. resolve to go ahead and table the Hausner bill on Wednesday appeared to have hardened over the last few days, and the I.L.P. did not appear to take the "Committee" proposal of the Cabinet very seriously. This was because the Committee would include Ministers whose minds were already made up against the bill, and not objective legal experts, convened to interpret the bill's constitutional implications. The I.L.P. still hopes that its worst fate will be censure — not expulsion.

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